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NAVAL CONFERENCE HITCHES.

THE BRITISH PROPOSALS OPPOSED.

AMERICAN PRESS CRITICISMS REPLIED TO.

THE U. S. NOT "SHUT OUT."

Apparently things are not progressing very smoothly at the naval disarmament conference at Geneva, but there is a denial that the discussions have reached a deadlock.

It is pointed out that there are three distinct proposals for decision, compared with only one at the Washington conference. From today's news cables, it appears that the British proposal for a reduction of capital ships is the chief point of contention, and American opposition to alterations in the Washington Treaty is shown.

There is also the question of obtaining adherence to changes, if any, by France and Italy, and it is pointed out by the United States that both these countries were invited to the present conference, and will still be welcome. However, America is opposed to any changes in the Washington agreement unless these two Powers are also present at the discussions.

The British Consul General at New York has issued a long statement in reply to American Press criticisms of the British proposals, denying that there has been any change of front. Meanwhile, there has been another meeting of the technical committee at Geneva, and an official communiqué states that very satisfactory progress has been made.

THE FAR EAST AND SUBMARINES.

London, June 27. The main difficulty of the naval disarmament conference at Geneva appears to be the British design and the American refusal to discuss the reduction of capital ships, and, according to inspired newspaper statements from New York, the American insistence of complete parity of naval strength with Great Britain.

Statements by the delegates of all three Powers are published to-day denying reports of a deadlock, and exhorting patience with the conference, where three distinct proposals are the basis of discussion, compared with only one at the Washington Conference.

It is significant, however, that Mr. Hugh Gibson, of the United States, in denying that he had asked for fresh instructions from Washington, as he already possessed the view that capital ships were outside the scope of the conference.

Mr. W. C. Bridgman said that a good many points of agreement had been reached, but some of the British proposals were such that neither of the other Powers was able to give decisions without reference to its Government.

Viscount Saito expressed confidence in the conference reaching complete agreement.—*Reuter*.

British Statement.

New York, June 27. The British Consul General, on behalf of the British Ambassador, has issued a lengthy statement in reply to American Press criticisms of the British attitude at Geneva.

The Consul General denies that the British proposals as regards battleships and cruisers are inconsistent with the spirit of the Washington Treaty, or constitute a change of front, and adds that it is impossible for experts to construe the British proposals as regards submarines as an attempt to shut out the United States from the Far East or anywhere in the world.

Dealing with the theory ventilated by the Geneva correspondents that armed merchantmen can be converted into a powerful fleet capable of meeting armed cruisers, he emphasises that the American delegation has not advanced this view, while Admiral Jellicoe has remarked "This is a landsman's idea."—*Reuter's American Service*.

No Alterations Wanted.

Washington, June 27. The American Government's decision not to alter the provisions of the Washington arms conference treaty with only three Powers represented at Geneva, is reiterated to-day.

Suggestions from Geneva that a four-Power conference, including

France and Italy, might be called when the present discussion has ended, to consider the British proposal to revise the Washington agreement, has found little support in official circles.

It is pointed out by the State Department that Italy and France were invited to the present conference, and will still be welcome.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Discussion Progresses.

Geneva, June 27.

The technical committee of the conference had a three-hour discussion, after which the American delegates said that things were going well.

The discussion was most friendly. An official communiqué says that very satisfactory progress was made.

The important question of deciding the particular types of vessels of small combatant value to be excluded from limitation will be agreed upon at the conference.

The proceedings showed a marked desire on the part of the delegations to meet each others' views.—*Reuter*.

No Headway.

Geneva, June 23.

Great Britain has failed utterly thus far to win the United States to her proposal to reopen discussion of the Washington treaty during the tripartite naval conference here.

In continuing her efforts in that direction, Great Britain has utilized one of her most skilled diplomats, Lord Robert Cecil, who today conferred with Ambassador Hugh Gibson, chief of the American delegation.

Lord Cecil laid great stress on the practicability and expediency of the British plan from the viewpoint of economy and expediency.

Ambassador Gibson, however, told correspondents to-night that the American delegation felt that the President Coolidge had convened the conference for the very clear and explicit purpose of extending the principles of the Washington treaty to auxiliaries, and while this did not exclude other questions, he believes the time to discuss them was in 1931, when the signatories to the Washington treaty would meet again.

Meets Lord Cecil.

Seeking some basis on which the mutually conflicting disarmament proposals of Great Britain, the United States, and Japan at the naval conference here might be reconciled, Ambassador Gibson held a private conversation to-day with Lord Cecil of the British delegation.

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JAPAN & CHINA.

A RE-STATEMENT OF JAPAN'S POLICY.

NOT TO BE CAUGHT NAPPING.

Chinese observers are very confident that the Japanese will neutralize the Kiaofoo Railway zone against fighting, but their confidence is not shared in Japanese circles which point out that there is no change in the Japanese policy except possibly that it is more firmly tethered towards the protection of the lives and property of Japanese nationals than it was at the time of the Nanking affair, says the N. C. Daily News correspondent at Peking, writing on Thursday last.

Japanese insistence on protecting its Legation and nationals in Peking, in face of the wavering of the other Powers is an example of that determination.

This is but ordinary procedure in the opinion of the Japanese. There could not be any question of withdrawal except in the event of an outbreak of war between the two countries.

Of course, in outlying districts such as Kalgan, any threat of danger would call for the withdrawal of the Japanese nationals, but in other places, where their interests are vital, they intend to stand their ground.

There seems to be a good deal of misunderstanding concerning the impending conference in Tokyo. It has attracted as much interest in Peking as Marshal Chang Tso-lin's self-elevation. But the Japanese throw cold water over any suggestion that it may lead to positive action in China.

An informed student of Japanese affairs put it to me in this way:—"There is reason for misunderstanding in the foreign mind because of the peculiar circumstances attaching to this conference. It is well advertised because the Premier, Baron Tanaka, while he is in the opposition was such a bitter critic of Mr. Shidehara's alleged inactivity. He was also courageous enough to place a change in the China policy, together with financial reform, in the forefront of his programme on the eve of taking over the premiership. But he bit off more than he could chew and he realized that there could not be any change for some time to come and he is only concerned now not to be caught napping. This is the meaning of the 2,000 troops in Tsingtao. His conferences and commissions are just so many attempts at window-dressing."

There are others equally well-informed, who say this is not a Foreign Office but a Seiyukai Conference which is made to look like a Government conference for reasons of domestic politics. It is even said that several friends of Mr. Yoshizawa helped to manoeuvre the parley to press home his title to the portfolio for Foreign Affairs. Such an appointment, it is said, is about the biggest surprise that one is justified in looking forward to as a result of this conference.

BRITISH COMMUNIST CHILDREN.

OVATED ON ARRIVAL IN RUSSIA.

Leningrad, June 27.

The delegation of English Communist children have arrived in good health despite a stormy voyage from London. They were ovated by a crowd at the pier.

The children will proceed to Moscow after a short stay here.—*Reuter*.

MOSCOW SHOOTING AFFAIR.

TRIBUNAL OFFICIAL WOUNDED.

Moscow, June 27.

Orlov, chairman of the Military Tribunal, was wounded with a revolver shot which was fired, while the Tribunal premises.

The assault has been arrested.—*Reuter*.

CAR TOPPLES OVER EMBANKMENT.

EUROPEAN DRIVER HAS LUCKY ESCAPE.

A FALL OF 70 FEET.

A remarkable escape from very serious injury was the experience of Mr. J. Chatterton, of the P. and O. Bank, on Saturday at mid-day, when the Austin car which he was driving toppled over the hillside on Broadwood Road and somersaulted down the embankment for a distance of fully seventy feet.

Mr. Chatterton, who lives at the top of Broadwood Road (The Ridge), has permission to drive a small Austin Seven to his residence. A small plateau has been made on the right hand side of the road as a parking space, and Mr. Chatterton was backing the car on to this spot when he overran the edge (unprotected by any railing). The car toppled over and careered down the precipitate slope. Fortunately the hood was protected by it, but he was violently thrown out after the car had made a couple of turns.

He sustained severe cuts and bruises, but fortunately, no serious injury. The Austin Seven proceeded on its downward career, striking trees and boulders, and finally came to rest, right way up, in a crevasse fully 70 feet from the spot at which it had left the road. The car, which was only five weeks old, was almost totally wrecked, it being so badly damaged that it had to be taken apart before it could be salvaged.

ILLEGAL STRIKES.

LOCK-OUTS NOW INCLUDED.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council which is due to take place on Thursday afternoon, the Hon. Attorney General will move the first reading of the Ordinance dealing with illegal strikes, the terms of which were published by us on Saturday.

The Bill, as it will now be introduced, has been amended as compared with the draft Bill published on Saturday, as it will now relate not only to illegal strikes but also to illegal lock-outs. A new subsection has been introduced which reads:—

"(2) It is hereby declared that any lock-out is illegal if it has any object other than or in addition to the furtherance of a trade dispute within the trade or industry in which the employers' lock-out are engaged and is a lock-out designed or calculated to coerce the Government either directly or by inflicting hardship upon the community; and it is further declared that it is illegal to commence, or to continue, or to apply any sums in furtherance or support of, any such illegal lock-out."

For the purposes of clearer definition, the following sub-section has also been added:—"Without prejudice to the generality of the expression 'trade or industry,' workmen shall be deemed to be within the same trade or industry if their wages or conditions of employment are determined in accordance with the conclusions of the same joint industrial council, conciliation board, or other similar body, or in accordance with agreements made with the same employer or group of employers."

GUNPOWDER CHARGE.

CHINESE FINED FOR MAKING EXPLOSIVES.

A raid carried out by the Police at a makeshift on the hillside at Kowloon Tong, yesterday, revealed the presence of a miniature gunpowder factory, supervised by a Chinese watchman, who was arrested and this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with manufacturing gunpowder and with being in unlawful possession of ten cattles of the powder.

The defendant, it was alleged by the prosecution, was caught in the act of preparing a certain substance, which on examination proved to contain the ingredients used in manufacturing gunpowder. On the first charge, a fine of \$200, and the alternative of three months' labour, was imposed. The court counted his words and fined him \$200.

LATEST ADVANCE.

NATIONALISTS MAKE BIG CLAIMS.

TAXATION DECISIONS.

Shanghai, June 28.

The Nationalists under General Wang Tien-pai captured Hanchuang on the 26th, according to a Nanking telegram to hand.

One armoured train and a large quantity of ammunitions was captured.

General Wang left for the front yesterday morning. A later telegram from Nanking, claims the capture of Lincheng by General Wang's 29th Division.

The Nationalists under General Yu-chao crossed the Grand Canal on the 26th, and subsequently captured Tai-er-chuang.

General Pei Chung-hsi arrived at Yincheng on the 26th to direct operations on the Shantung front.

The 44th Nationalist army under General Yeh Kai-shek engaged in a severe struggle with the Shantung forces in Mengyin, which lasted for two days and two nights, and resulted in the Shantung troops retreating to Sintai.

General Feng Yu-hsiang forces under General Feng Cheng-wuh are advancing along the Grand Canal to attack Shantung.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

Abolition of Likin.

Shanghai, June 28.

The Central Financial Conference in Nanking closed yesterday. The most important decisions at the Conference were to abolish the Likin taxation and increase the Customs revenues, on August 1.

The Likin collection in the different provinces will be placed under the direct control of the Central Finance Ministry, which will make a careful survey and report on the present conditions of the collection, amounts of loans now being secured with the Likin tax, etc. Such surveys and reports are to be completed before July 31.

The Tobacco Tax.

The Conference also decided to unify the Tobacco Tax system, and to levy a unified 50 per cent. tax throughout the different provinces.

This tax is to be collected in the factories, and for foreign tobacco at the Customs.

Another important decision of the conference was to adopt the suggestion of Marshal Chiang, outlined in his speech at the Conference, clearly to distinguish the Central Government revenues from those of the local governments.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

'YANGTZE QUIET.

Resumption of Commerce.

Shanghai, June 27. The Yangtze Valley remains perfectly quiet, and trade is being resumed on a small scale.

Shanghai is normal, and there is nothing to report.—*Naval Wireless*.

That Ultimatum.

Hankow, June 27. No further information concerning Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's ultimatum, and the conference in connexion therewith, is yet available.—*Naval Wireless*.

SUN'S POSITION.

Kiangsu Withdrawal.

Taiingtao, June 11. A member of the staff of Chi-lu University at Tsinan who returned here last night reports that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang had arrived at Tsinan with about 25,000 troops. An interview this morning with some of Marshal Sun's officers who came here from Haichow and are to join him as soon as possible, confirms the report. These officers declare also that Marshal Sun's forces are to proceed directly to Peking. As this is hardly more incredible than much we have known to have occurred it is passed along as news to be received with reserve.

About sunset yesterday evening two sampans loaded with brand were sent out to the soldiers on board the two Japanese vessels but up to that time they had not been allowed to land. Negotiations are proceeding with

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TRAGEDY AT Y.M.C.A., KOWLOON.

SUDDEN DEATH OF AIR MECHANIC.

POISON FOUND IN POCKET.

The body of Air Mechanic Davies, of H.M.S. Hermes, was sent to the Naval Hospital Mortuary from the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon last night.

It appears that Mr. Davies booked a room at the Y.M.C.A. on Sunday, following a practice followed by many Naval men in the Colony. As far as can be gathered he did not leave his room at all on Monday but complained to a room boy of not feeling well.

In the evening Mr. P. Sands, the Assistant Secretary, was notified that the deceased was in a fit and going to Mr. Davies' room found two other residents with him. Believing that the man's condition was serious Mr. Sands telephoned for a Naval surgeon and also for Dr. J. C. Macgown. By the time the doctors had arrived, Mr. Davies had collapsed.

An ambulance was summoned and he was taken to the Naval Hospital where life was pronounced extinct.

A police report states that when a search was made through the pockets of the clothing worn by Mr. Davies a quantity of powdered cyanide of potassium was found.

SOUTH AFRICA'S FLAG.

DESIGN INACCEPTABLE TO GOVERNMENT.

Capetown, June 27.

The Senate read the Flag Bill for the third time, after adopting by 17 votes to 12 an amendment proposing, as a substitution for the Government's flag design, another design, consisting of the Union Jack, the old Free State flag, the Transvaal "Vierkleur," and four silver stars on a blue field representing the provinces, divided quarterly by a silver cross.

General Hertzog intimated that the proposed design was unacceptable to the Government, since such a flag would be merely the British Ensign. It therefore appears inevitable that if the Assembly reject the Senate's amendment this will mean that the Bill will have to be passed again by both Houses, probably at a special session in November, whereafter, if the Senate persists in its present attitude, a joint sitting of both Houses will have to be held before the Bill is finally passed.—*Reuter*.

\$5,000,000 CAPITAL.

COAL COMPANIES COMBINE.

London, June 27.

Judgment permitting the amalgamation of two large groups of anthracite coal companies in South Wales with a capital of \$5,000,000 was given to-day by Mr. Justice Sankey, at a sitting of the Railway and Canal Commission.

He said the amalgamation would enable research to be conducted for the best way of working the great national asset which the company possessed. Such research could not be carried out by merely individual concerns, but must be the result of a larger and stronger unit.—*British Wireless*.

BRIXTON BY-ELECTION.

SEAT RETAINED BY CONSERVATIVE.

London, June 27.

At Brixton by-election, owing to the raising to the Peerage of Sir Davidson Dalziel, Bart., the result of the polling was:

Mr. N. Colman (Conservative) 10,358.
Mr. J. Adams (Labour) 6,932.
Mr. F. J. Laverack (Liberal) 5,134.

—*Reuter*.
[At the last election, Sir Davidson Dalziel polled 16,755, Mr. Adams 7,210, and Mr. Laverack 4,871.]

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2/0.1/16.
Lighting-up 7.11 p.m.

WIMBLEDON RAIN.

TILDEN BEATS FRENCH CRACK PLAYER.

OFFER TO BETTY NUTHALL.

London, June 27.

At Wimbledon, there was a heavy downpour overnight, and the outer courts were saturated.

Play began at the usual time in the centre and number one courts, but rain soon caused an adjournment.

Tilden won his first set against Brugnon by 6-3, and led in the second by 4-1 when rain fell. Later, the match was resumed, and Tilden won, 6-3, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

Tilden played his usual powerful and aggressive game, with frequent cannon-ball service aces, and excellent back-hand play, which he followed up with brilliant smashes at the net. Brugnon was on the defensive, but placed cleverly and showed good volleying.

Only two other matches were completed, these being in the ladies' doubles. The weather was very dismal and cold, with heavy showers.

Ladies' Doubles.

Mrs. Godfree and Miss Betty Nuthall led 3-1 in their match with Mrs. Lyett and Miss Colyer, in the first set, when play was suspended. On resuming, the former pair won, 6-3, 6-3, and Mrs. Godfree and Miss Nuthall now enter the last set.

In the second round, Miss Helen Willis and Miss Ryan beat Mrs. Covell and Miss Sterry, 6-2, 6-3.

New Professional.

Mr. Cochran, announces that Mrs. Dewhurst, the champion of Ceylon, has turned professional, and she will play against Mdlle. Lenglen at Phyllis Court, Henley, this week.

It is recalled that Mrs. Dewhurst, at Wimbledon in 1926, was kept waiting on the court a whole afternoon because Mdlle. Lenglen failed to appear.

Offer to Betty Nuthall.

Miss Betty Nuthall has received an offer of £12,000 to turn professional, but there is no likelihood of the offer being accepted.

She has accepted an invitation to play against America for the Wightman Cup, as has also Miss Jean Fry.

Mrs. Nuthall, interviewed by *Reuter*, stated, "Betty's amateur status is worth more than anything can offer as an inducement to forsake it. She is only a child, and I would not dream of consenting to her becoming a professional, even if she were older. The offer was definitely made, and just as definitely refused."

Mother Reconsiders.

Seen to-day at Wimbledon, Mrs. Nuthall declared, "Mr. Cochran last week made me a large offer for my daughter Betty to turn professional. I refused. Mr. Cochran called this morning at my home, and greatly increased the offer, and I asked for two days to consider it."

It is unofficially reported that the increased offer is in the vicinity of £20,000.—*Reuter*.

A FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

AMERICAN JOURNALIST AND WIFE KILLED.

Belgrade, June 27.

The American journalist, Mr. Edgar Aldrich, and his wife, who were engaged in a tour of the world, have been killed in a motor accident near Sarajevo.—*Reuter*.

FLYING TOUR.

CHAMBERLIN AT WARSAW.

Warsaw, June 27.

The U.S. Atlantic flier Chamberlin, with his companion Levine, arrived here from Marienbad, and had a most cordial welcome. He was officially greeted by the civil authorities and by Mr. Stetson, the United States Minister.—*Reuter*.

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CHINA SITUATION.

OVERNIGHT CABLES.

Argus for Welhwal.

Shanghai, June 27.

The plane carrier H.M.S. Argus
is leaving for Welhwal to-mor-
row.—*Reuter.*

A National Exchequer.

Shanghai, June 27.

Generals Chang Hsueh-liang
and Han Lin-chun, commanding
the Fengtien forces on the Honan
front, have decided to issue mili-
tary notes to the amount of
\$3,200,000. The merchants are
required to accept these notes
at face value.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin has de-
cided to establish a National Ex-
chequer which will not be under
the control of the Government but
directly controlled by Chang
himself.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

THE WUCHOW PARADE.

Orderly Celebrations on June 23.

Wuchow, June 24.

June 23 passed off here without
trouble. The celebrations began at
7 a.m. when the first company of
police entered the parade ground
in the eastern part of the city. The
police were followed by two com-
panies of armed soldiers and then
students, labourers and merchants
completed the assembly.

Speeches were made and the pro-
cession then marched through the
streets, creating a deafening noise
with bugles and drums. The parade
was of most orderly nature and the
proceedings were curtailed owing
to a heavy fall of rain. No lantern
parade was held in the evening,
and one got the impression that the
enthusiasm of the participants in
the day's celebrations was merely
lukewarm.

It was a much smaller parade than
those held in the two previous years
and we like to take such a fav-
ourable index of a gradual improve-
ment in the general situation
throughout China as well as locally.

AMOY STRIKE.

Great Northern Staff Walk Out.

Amoy, June 23.

The staff of the Great Northern
Company have gone out on strike
for higher wages, but the Tele-
graph Company have been equal
to the occasion and secured twelve
foreign assistants to help them.

The Chinese staff have succeed-
ed in getting the servants of the
Telegraph Company to come out
in sympathy with them, but the
Telegraph Company are determind
to see the strike through and
are prepared to import servants
from other ports and even to im-
port all their own food if needs be.

The Telegraph Company have
replied to the strikers that they re-
fuse to be intimidated by any mob
rule.

The strikers now threaten to
bring the electric light people out
on strike on Kulangsu.

CHINA CONFERENCE.

Japan Does Not Intend to Change Policy.

Tokyo, June 27.

Opening the China Conference
this morning General Tanaka, the
Premier, reiterated that the ob-
ject of the Conference was
merely to receive reports from the
Japanese diplomatic and consular
officials from China, and to discuss
the best methods of meeting the
situations arising from time to
time.

General Tanaka emphasised that
there was no intention of formulat-
ing a new China policy. He touch-
ed on the situation in China which
he considered was unlikely to al-
ter for sometime to come.—*Reuter.*

COMPANY MEETING.

MESSRS. S. MOUTRIE AND CO., LTD.

The twenty-eighth annual gen-
eral meeting of Messrs. S. Moutrie
and Co. Ltd., was held at the offices
of the company at 37 Nanking
Road, Shanghai.

The Chairman Mr. W. T. Isen-
man, said:

This year has been by no means
an easy one for business, especially
for those branches of the company
that are in China. I do not intend
to take up your time with a re-
petition of the various occurrences
referred to as you are all well
aware of them. Notwithstanding
these setbacks, however, it is with
great pleasure your board are in
such a position as to be able to
lay before you a report and which
I feel sure you will view with
equal satisfaction.

No Addition to Reserve.

You will observe that the bal-
ance standing at the credit of pro-
fit and loss account is \$92,756.47.
This sum together with \$13,693.58
brought forward from last year's
account, but less the interim divid-
end of 6 per cent. \$24,585, leaves a
total balance for disposal of
\$81,870.05 and which your board
recommends be dealt with as
follows:

To pay a final dividend of 4 per cent. absorbing	16,390.00
To pay a special bonus of \$6 per share	49,170.00
To carry forward to new account	16,310.05
Total	81,870.05

In regard to this allocation you
will note no additions have been
made to reserves or equalization
of dividend fund. The former
are fully adequate when taken in
conjunction with the amount of
our liquid assets, and in regard to
the latter we prefer to carry for-
ward a larger sum, than in pre-
vious years, to the current year's
account in view of the difficult
times we have still yet to go
through before the local political
situation is settled.

Gratitude to Foreign Staff.

Sundry Debtors are slightly
higher, but by no means dispropor-
tionate to the increased
volume of business done.

Assets. Under this heading you
will note there now appears—"In-
vestments \$87,109.39," which re-
presents practically all S. M. C.
debentures, and while you will
note stated that the market value
of these on March 31, last was
\$71,956.95, this value has con-
siderably appreciated since.

One other item calls for atten-
tion and which is entered on the
profit and loss account—"Special
transfer to staff superannuation
fund \$19,375." This sum was
transferred to the Fund to make
good the depreciation of S. M. C.
debentures, in which securities the
fund is invested in. In the event
of these Debentures appreciating
former market value,
this amount will revert to the
company's funds again. In mak-
ing this allocation we feel sure we
have your approval as it is follow-
ing what has been done in many
instances by local companies, and
further the foreign staff have well
deserved it by their efforts and
success in maintaining and fur-
thering the business of the com-
pany during the periods of unrest
we have experienced during the
past two years or so.

Wholesale Business.

We feel sure you will view the
company's financial position with-
out any feeling of uneasiness,
notwithstanding the general busi-
ness depression, or I might say
standstill, in China. We are for-
tunate, however, not to have to
depend on China entirely, as a
considerable portion of your busi-
ness is done outside China.

Our wholesale business, both
domestic and foreign continues to
increase in the demand for stout
products.

Before resuming my seat I
should like to express the board's

PARIS FLIGHT.

COMMANDER BYRD AGAIN DELAYED.

New York, June 27.

For the second time in two days
a torrential rainstorm caused a
last minute postponement of Com-
mander Byrd's flight to Paris, the
sudden aerodrome making a take
off very risky although the winds
and weather were very favourable.
—*Reuter's American Service.*

appreciation of the work carried
out by the staff during the year,
and especially to the foreign staff
in Shanghai who carried on the
business and work at the fac-
tory, whilst the native staff were
on strike, under unparalleled con-
ditions.

It gives me pleasure to particu-
larly refer to Mr. F. Beech, the
manager of your Kuala Lumpur
branch, who during his first year
of management, leads all branch
returns with an increased turn-
over of more than double that of
the previous year, and constitut-
ing an easy record for that branch.

Resolutions.

That the report and accounts, as
presented, be passed; Proposed by
Mr. W. J. Isenman, Seconded by
Mr. K. E. Newman.

That Mr. G. A. Turner's election
to the board be confirmed. Prop-
osed by Mr. W. J. Isenman,
Seconded by Mr. K. E. Newman.

That Mr. W. J. Isenman be re-
elected a director of this company;
Proposed by Mr. G. A. Turner,
Seconded by Mr. W. S. Watson.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham
and Matthews be re-elected au-
ditors to the company; proposed by
Mr. A. C. Remedios, Seconded by
Mr. Fu Youngs.

That until otherwise deter-
mined the remuneration of the
directors of the company shall be
\$4,250; Proposed by Mr. C. M.
Bain, Seconded by Mr. H. W. P.
McMeekin.

Mr. C. M. Bain stated that on
behalf of the shareholders he
desired to express his sincere ap-
preciation of the work entailed
both by the directors and staff of
the company in achieving under
most difficult trading circum-
stances in China, and he took
opportunity of congratulating the
directors on their report, and
which was highly creditable to
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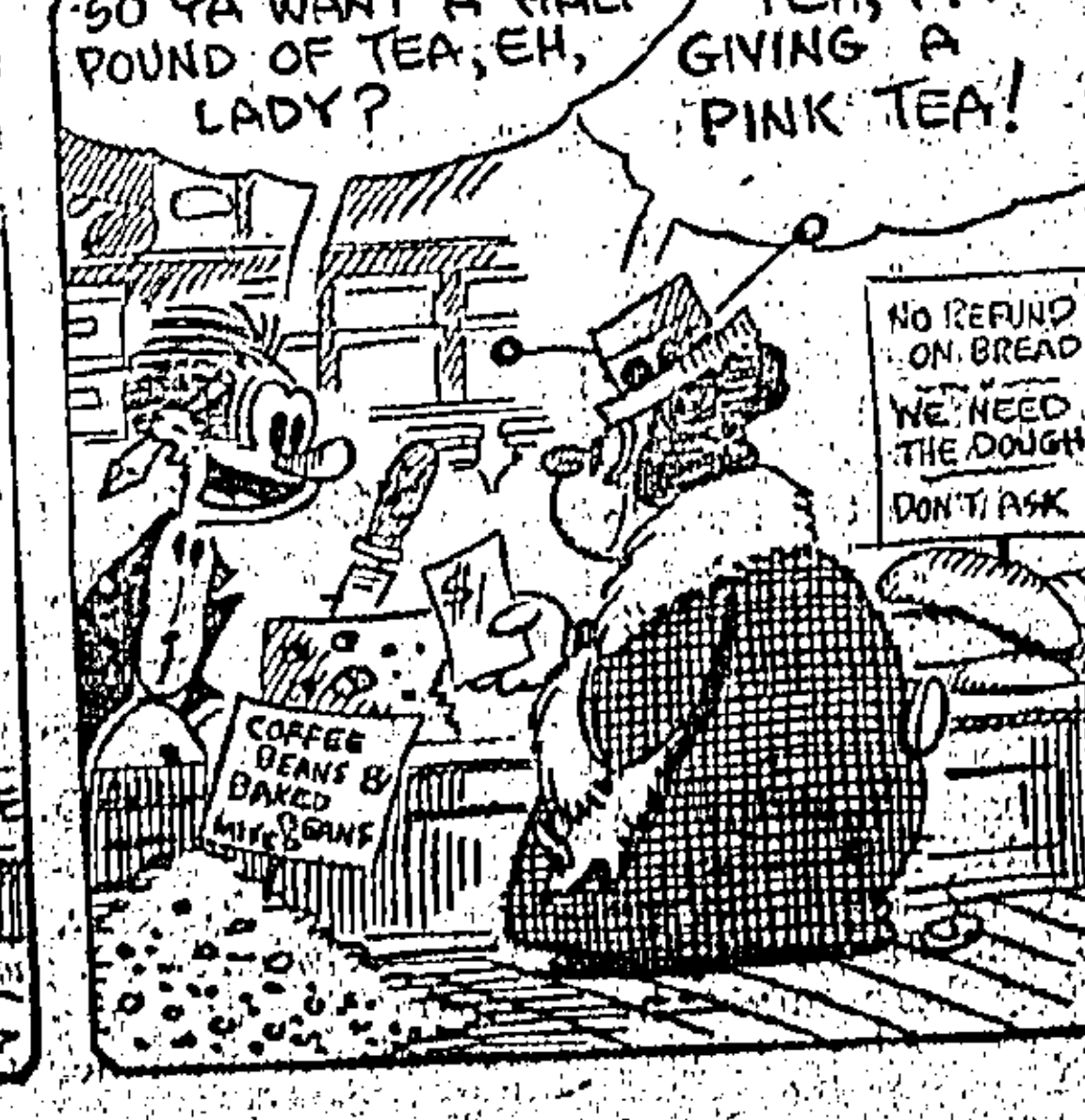
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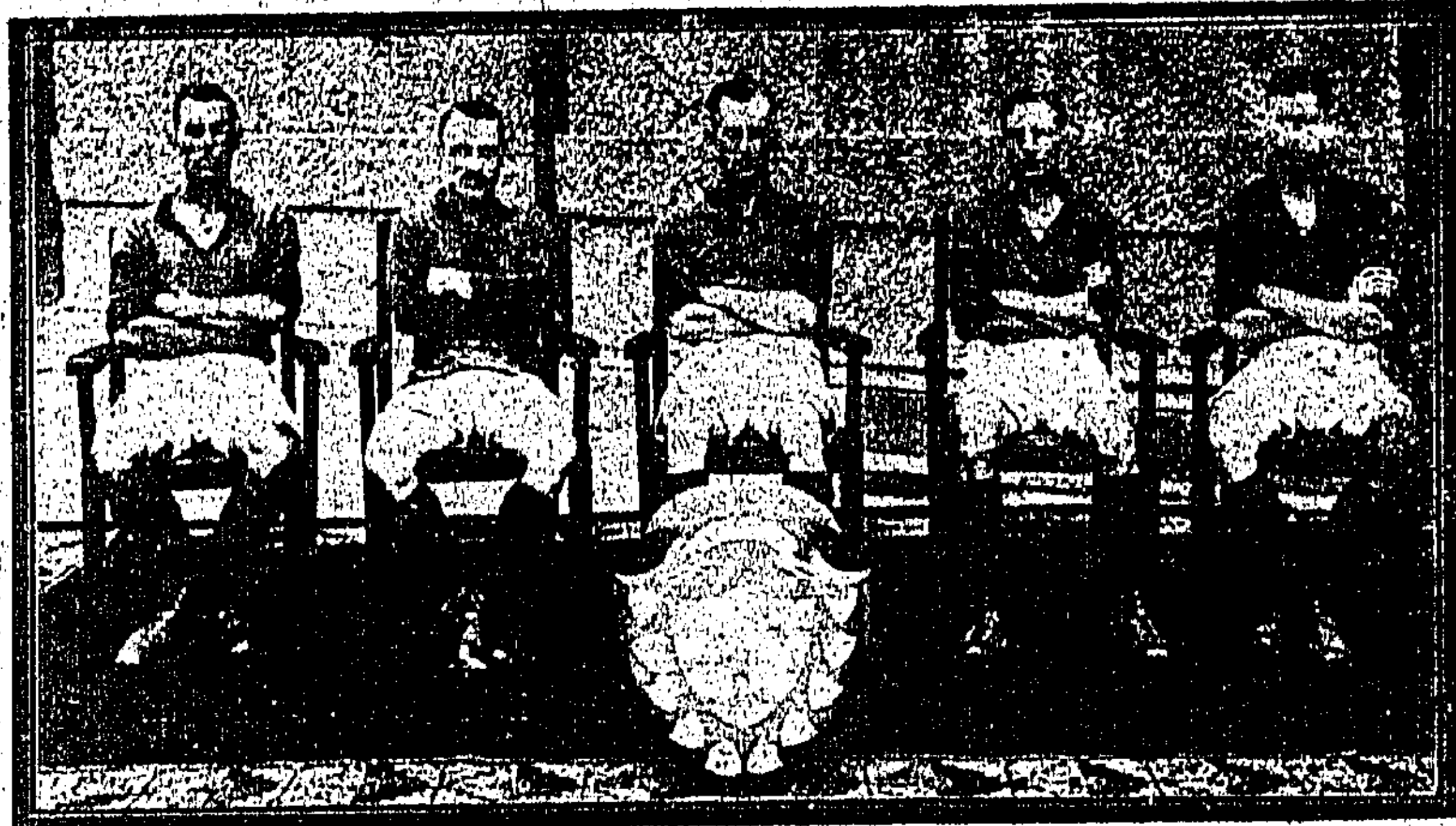
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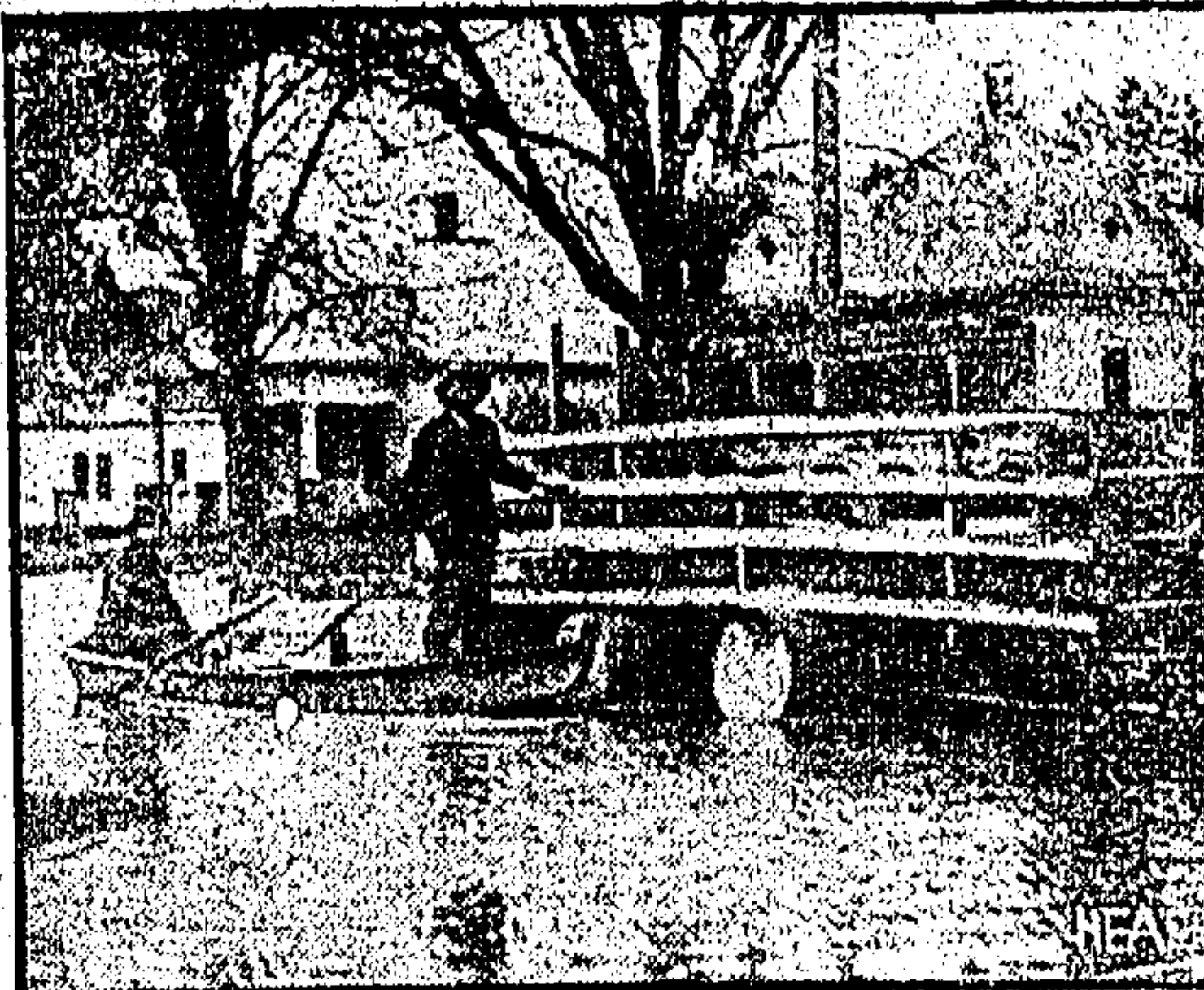


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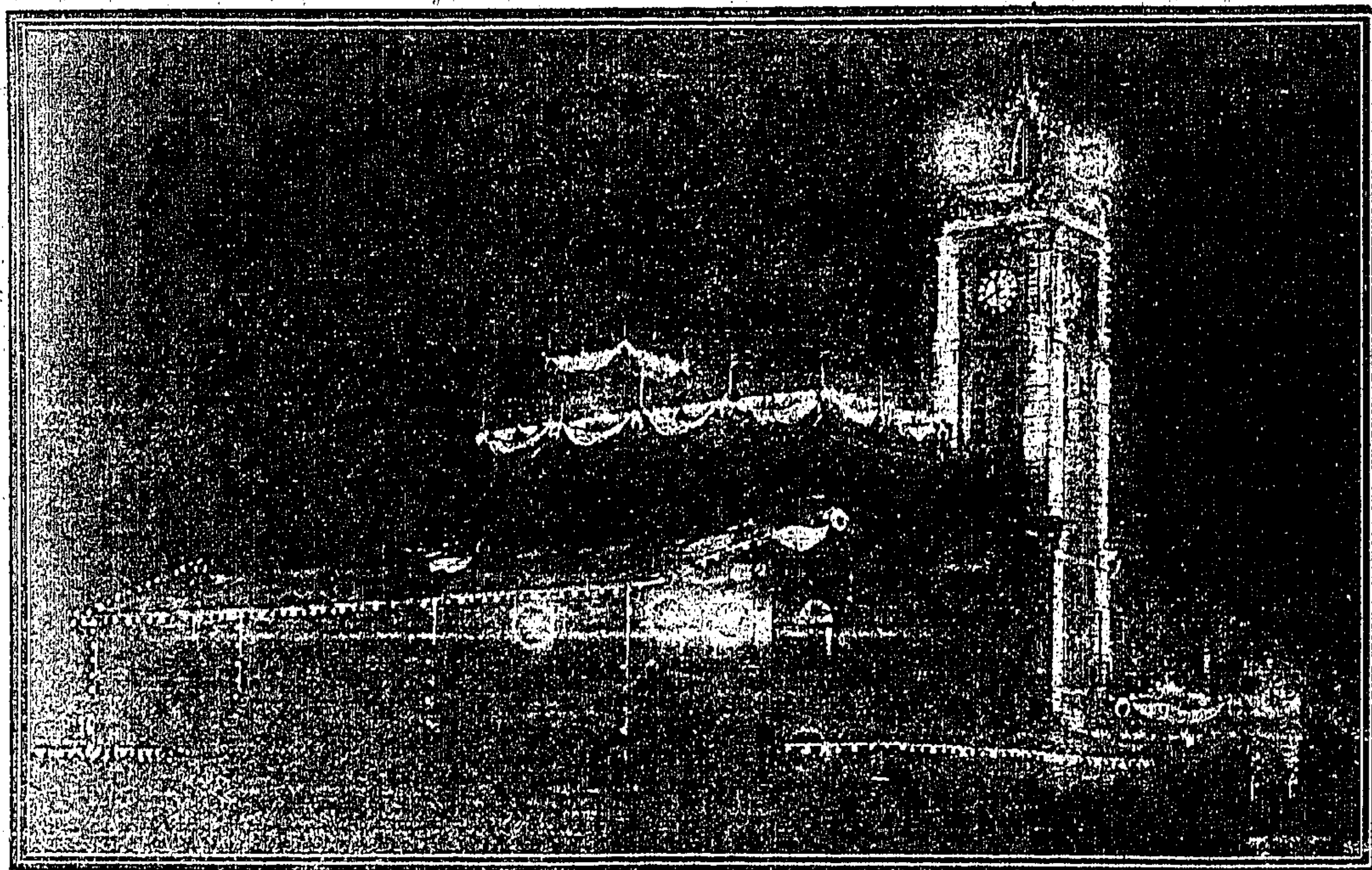
"SOCCER" SHIELD WINNERS.—This photograph of the 2nd Bn. Durham Light Infantry's team which won the five-a-side football competition for the Doll Shield, the trophy usually competed for in conjunction with the annual Police Sports, was taken recently at Shanghai. The Durhams are one of the best all round sporting battalions now in Shanghai.



KANSAS FLOOD.—When the flood waters of the Verdigris river began to rise near Independence, Kansas, Clarence Bunn, using several empty oil barrels and a hay rack, rigged up a fenced-in raft in which he was able to float his livestock to safety.



CHAMPION FOOTBALLERS.—Photograph shows the football eleven of the 2nd Bn. Durham Light Infantry who won the Army and Navy Cup this year in a competition open to all service units in Shanghai. The Durhams thus add one more to a long string of successes achieved elsewhere, including wins in the best Army competitions in India.



ILLUMINATED FOR KING'S BIRTHDAY.—The Race Club at Shanghai as it looked on the evenings of June 3 and 4 when hundreds of red, white and blue lights outlined the roofs and clock tower.



DR. F. A. COOK, whose release from Leavenworth penitentiary has been sought in federal Court proceedings at Fort Worth, Texas. He is serving a term of 14 years 9 months for fraudulent sale of oil stocks.



ORVILLE WRIGHT.—The most recent photograph of Orville Wright, surviving member of the famous brother aviation pioneers.

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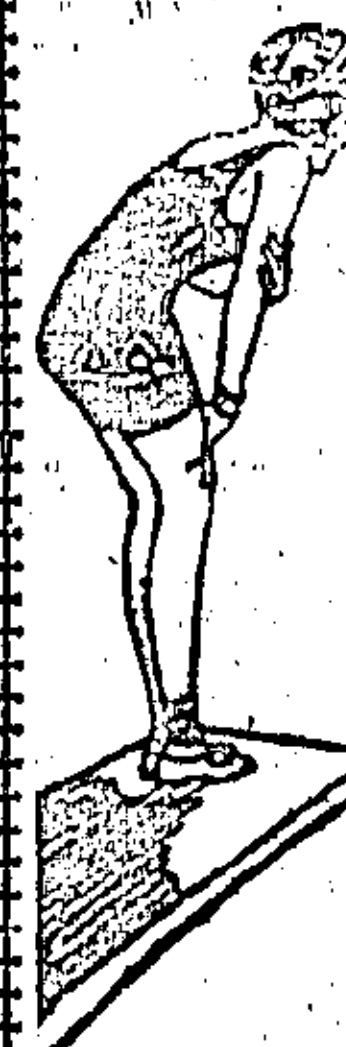
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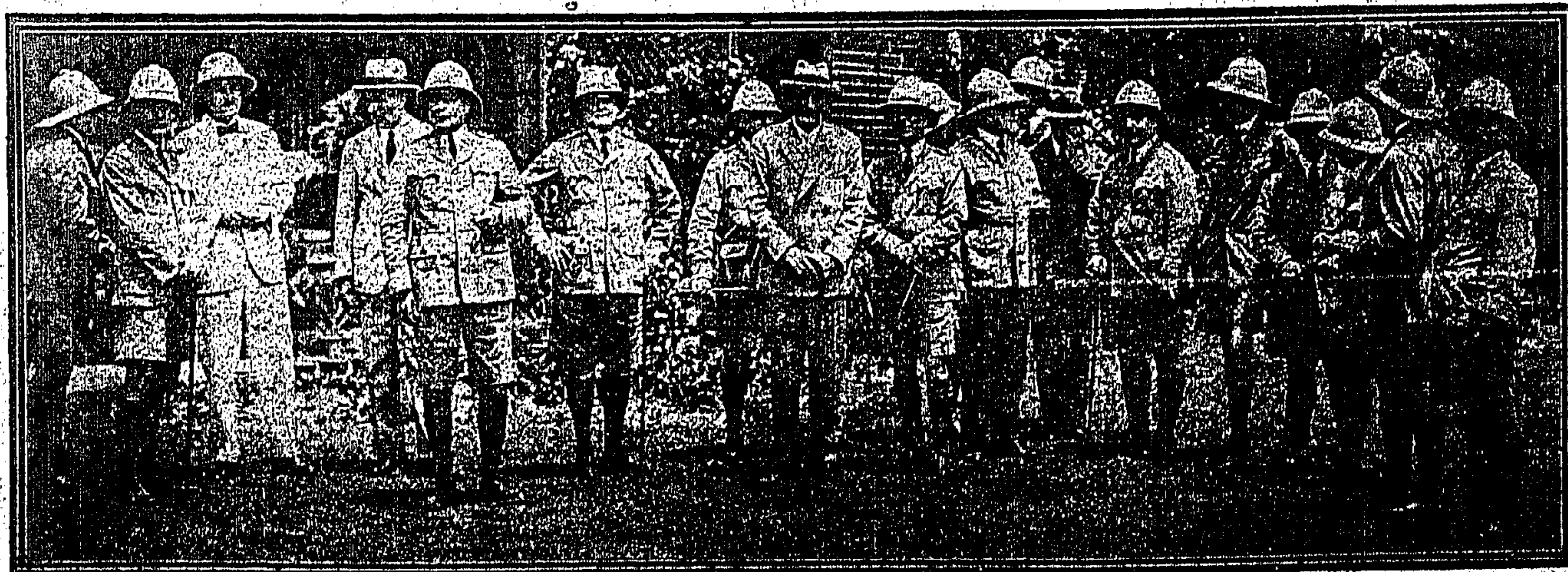
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POLICE RESERVES INSPECTION.—Group photographed in the grounds of Mr. A. L. Anderson, when Shanghai Police Reserves were inspected by Admiral Tyrwhitt and Colonel Martelli.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.
Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation between Hongkong and the following places: French Indo-China, province of Yunnan, Canton, Swatow, Kowloon, Macao, Kwongchow, Fort Bayard, Wuchow, and Hainan. Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio and Telegraph Office, 1st Floor, G. P. O. Building.
During the interruption of the Hongkong-Macao cable service the Macao Radio Station will remain open for the exchange of telegrams with Hongkong from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Hongkong Station is always open and messages are accepted at any time throughout the 24 hours.

NOTICE.
The parcels post service to Russia in Asia via Japan is temporarily suspended.
Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 6 p.m. on the previous day.
Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.
Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.
Parcels post service between Hongkong and Ports of the Yangtze West of Hankow is temporarily suspended.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai	Chonan	June 28
Shanghai	Sarpodon	June 28
Japan	St. Albans	June 29
Shanghai	Szechuen	June 29
Europe via Nipponkai letters only	Tilawa	June 30
London 2nd June	Pres. Jefferson	July 6
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Grant	July 4
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Van Buren	July 4
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Aratara	July 4
Australia and Manila	Porthos	July 5
Japan and Shanghai	Khiva	July 8
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln	July 10

For	Per	Date
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Europe via Victoria, B.C., and Europe via Siberia	Pres. McKinley	Tues. June 28, 8 p.m.
	Parcels	Registration 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Registration 5 p.m.
		(Due Victoria B.C. July 18)

Manila	Empress of Asia	Tues. June 28, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Talking	Tues. June 28, 4.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Phranang	Tues. June 28, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Kwaisang	Wed. June 29, 3.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Yuen Sang	Wed. June 29, 3.30 a.m.
Strait, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Sarpodon	Wed. June 29, 10 a.m.

Saigon and Bangkok	Sekow Maru	Wed. June 29, 10 a.m.
Bangkok	Chinhua	Wed. June 29, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Suisang	Wed. June 29, 10 a.m.
	Parcels	Registration 1 p.m.
	Letters	Registration 1.30 p.m.
		(Due Marseilles 27th July)

Swatow and Amoy	Cremor	Wed. June 29, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Hydrangea	Wed. June 29, 1.30 p.m.
Holhow, Pailoh and Haiphong	Tuan	Thurs. June 30, 3.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru	Thurs. June 30, 3.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Vogelund	Thurs. June 30, 10.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tisonardi	Thurs. June 30, 11.30 a.m.
Swatow	Chonan	Thurs. June 30, 12.30 p.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Thurs. June 30, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Lat Sang	Thurs. June 30, 5 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	St. Albans	Thurs. June 30, 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Fri. July 1, 9 a.m.
Strait, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Tushimi Maru	Sat. July 2, 8 a.m.
	Registration	8 a.m.
	Letters	Registration 9 a.m.
		(Due Marseilles 1st August)

Manila	Whetland Montana	Sat. July 2, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun. July 3, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jefferson	Mon. July 4, 3 p.m.
	Parcels	Registration 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Registration 5 p.m.
		(Due San Francisco 28th July)

Manila	Pres. Van Buren	Mon. July 4, 5 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Porthos	Tues. July 5, 10.30 a.m.
	Registration	10.30 a.m.
	Letters	Registration 1 p.m.
		(Due Marseilles 5th Aug.)

Manila	Pres. Grant	Tues. July 5, 4.30 p.m.
Strait, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Khiva	Sat. July 9, 3 p.m.
	Parcels	Reg. 4.30 p.m.
	Reg.	9th 9 a.m.
	Letters	Registration 10 a.m.
		G.P.O.
	Parcels	8th 5 p.m.
	Reg.	9th 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Registration 10.30 a.m.
		(Due Marseilles 7th August)

Manila	Pres. Lincoln	Mon. July 11, 4.30 p.m.
		(Due Marseilles 1st August)

The Great Western Railway, as an experiment, will run an express train from Cardiff and Newport to Paddington, with an inclusive fare of £1, to include a saloon motor drive through London, a reserved seat in one of six leading theatres, conveyance from the theatre back to the station, and supper on the return journey.

The Fat Men's Club—a very exclusive organization, membership in which requires a weight of at least 250 pounds, had no speeches at its annual dinner at Boston. From 6.45 until 9.30 p.m., was devoted strictly to eating, with second, third and fourth servings ordered in advance. Roast chicken and steaks featured the evening.

WATER LEVELS.

REPORT FROM BOARD OF CONSERVANCY WORKS OF KWANGTUNG. WATER-LEVELS IN ENGLISH FEET.

Place of Observation	Highest W.L. on record	Lowest W.L. on record	W. L. W. L.	25/6	27/6
West River at Shihlung	41.0	0'	16.6	17.9	
North River at Tsingyuen	28.7	0'	9.8	9.5	
North River at Samshui	27.3	0'	9.8	10.2	
East River at Shihlung	15.2	0'	4.4	4.1	

SQUEEZE AS A HIGH ART.

A SHANGHAI SCHEME TO RAISE MONEY.

In addition to the already harsh taxation system introduced by the so-called Nationalist Government and the tobacco monopoly, another money-making scheme of the Nanking administration has been brought to our notice, says the N. C. Daily News. This calls for the collection of a special house tax, the amount of which shall be equivalent to two months' rent on all houses, for the prosecution of the Anti-Northern Punitive Expedition, irrespective of whether the houses may be in the International Settlement, the French Concession or Chinese territory.

At a meeting of the Shanghai Special Branch of the Kuomintang, which was held on Wednesday afternoon under the chairmanship of Mr. Chen Te-ching, chairman of the Propaganda Department, the following regulations relating to the proposed taxation were adopted:—

1. That all houses in Shanghai, including those in the International Settlement and the French Concession, irrespective of whether they are occupied by the owners themselves or rented to other people, shall be subject to a special tax, which shall be the equivalent of two months' rent, and that the proceeds of such tax shall be contributed to the Treasury of the Nationalist Government; should the total amount of the rent tax so collected in single instances amount to a sum not exceeding \$80, such sum may revert to the tax-payer upon application.

Instructions to Law Courts.

2. That in the event of landlords and house-owners failing to recognize or meet this tax, orders shall be given to the different law courts, including the Shanghai Special Provisional Court, and the French Mixed Court, to reject all applications filed for rents that may be in arrears and owing to landlords and house-owners, within one year from date of the imposition of the aforesaid tax.

3. That the tax equivalent to two months' rent shall be payable by the tenants themselves to the Shanghai Nationalist Financial Commission and receipts shall be delivered upon payment thereof, such receipts to be acknowledged and accepted by landlords and house-owners. In lieu of two months' rent: rent receipts shall be handed to tenants upon production of the tax receipts by tenants.

4. That any person or persons found preventing tenants from paying their rents for two months to the said Commission in lieu of the tax and/or tenants themselves who decline to abide by these regulations shall be subject to punishment of not less than one month or more than six months in prison and a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$500.

5. That any tenant or tenants found in the act of inciting other tenants not to pay this tax or calling to his or their assistance foreign eigners enjoying extraterritorial privileges with a view to publicly obstructing the approach of authorized tax collectors and to eschewing payment of this tax shall be subject to punishment in the fifth degree (from two months to one year's imprisonment) in accordance with the law, a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$1,000 and deprivation of his or their civil rights.

Designs on Property.

6. That warrants shall be issued for the arrest of tenants or landlords who purposely attempt to escape payment of this tax and that their movable and immovable properties shall be confiscated.

7. That tenants failing to answer warrants issued against them shall be deprived of their civil rights.

8. That tenants or landlords found guilty of the above-mentioned crimes, severally or consecutively, shall be dealt with and punished as counter-revolutionaries.

9. That tax-collectors of the Shanghai Nationalist Financial Commission found guilty of misappropriating rents collected as taxes shall be dealt with in accordance with the laws governing abuses in public office provided for in the Provisional Criminal Code and they shall be punished in accordance with the said laws, in addition to which they shall be punished in accordance with the laws, in addition to which they shall be punished according to an additional degree of punishment.

10. That landlords and house-owners who approve of this tax on their own initiative and who assist in its collection for the Nationalist Government shall be rewarded in proportion with the amounts collected.

11. That the various tenants' unions which assist in the collection of this shall be rewarded according to results.

THE DWINDLING SALT RESERVE.

ONLY ABOUT \$3,000,000 LEFT.

HUKUANG LOAN PAYMENTS.

Peking, June 23.

Although funds have been allocated from the Salt Gabelle for the half yearly payment on four portions of the Hukwang Railway Loan, there is still the question as to whether any money will be available for meeting the coupon of the German portion.

The issue involved is whether the money should be used to pay the money should be used to pay the coupon, 1925, or to redeem the bonds drawn in June of the same year.

London contends that the drawn bonds should have priority, but the Chinese insist on paying the coupon and the matter is still in process of argument.

Several other issues have had to be cleared up before this one could be discussed or even before payment could be authorized. The first related to the disposition of the salt reserve. In view of the drying up of the channels leading to the Central Administration this reserve is of considerable importance to the holders of bonds secured on the salt revenue.

Originally it stood at \$7,000,000 but having been raised in recent months, to maintain payments on various salt loans it had dwindled to about \$4,500,000 on June 1. Now this Hukwang payment will drain it to the further extent of around \$1,800,000 leaving about \$3,000,000 in hand.

The bankers hold that this money is purely loan reserve and is held solely in the interests of the bondholders, but the argument has been advanced with the last year that a portion should be set aside as a provident fund for the staff. The argument came up in connection with the payment of the Hukwang Bonds, but has now been decided in favour of the bondholders.

As an act of grace, however, permission has been given to earmark a certain amount for the staff, but nothing like the amount originally hoped for.

The main issue that has delayed the payment was even more serious. The Ministry of Finance, looking up the old agreement, found that the Hukwang Loan was secured on the Likin and salt revenues of Hupoh and Hunan. From this basis they argued there could be no lien on the Central Salt Reserve to meet the June coupon.

For a time it looked as if the bondholders would have to go without their money. Then the Chinese bankers got busy and had no difficulty in puncturing the case against payment. They pointed out that the provincial lien was given before the recognition of the Salt Gabelle under Sir Richard Dane, when it was understood by the very nature of the national reorganization that the Hukwang Loan was transferred automatically to the care of the nationalized revenues.

In fact the loan was specifically listed in the reorganization agreement among the general charges.

A Kai Tack Motor Bus driver was fined \$5 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon for stopping outside the Hungnam Theatre, where there is no stopping place.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

On MONDAY, 27th June, 1927, the offices of BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO CO. (CHINA) LTD. will be removed to sixth floor, P. and O. Building, Connaught Road, Central.

Hongkong, 23rd June, 1927.

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From AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, BREMEN and GENOA.

The Steamship,

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having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. Hongkong, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd July, 1927 will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd July, 1927, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatsoever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by,

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN L.I.N.

Hongkong, June 27, 1927.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above named Company has this day transferred its offices to 3, CHATER ROAD, (Queen's Building, 3rd Floor), Hongkong, 27th June, 1927.

INDO-CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Forty-Sixth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Monday, the 25th July, 1927, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th July to 8th August, 1927, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1927.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON TAXICAB COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Company Limited, will be held at the Office of the Company, 35 Des Vaux Road Central, on Tuesday, the 5th day of July, 1927, at 12 o'clock, noon for the purposes of considering, and if approved, of passing the following Resolution, viz:—

"That the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Company, Limited, be wound up voluntarily, and that Mr. H. R. Cleland, C.A., of Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews, be and is hereby appointed liquidator for the purpose of such winding up."

AND NOTICE is hereby given that should the foregoing Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution at a further Extraordinary Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 20th day of July, 1927, at the same time and place for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

By Order of the Board,

SUN PAK MING,

Chairman.

Hongkong, June 28, 1927.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA LINE.

From EUROPE AND STRAITS.

The Steamship,

"KITANO MARU,"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 4th July, 1927, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have been left in the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, June 27, 1927.

THE NORWEGIAN AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA LINE.

M.S. "TENERIFFA"

The above vessel having arrived from Norway via Ports on 16th April, consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the non-hazardous, hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 4th July, 1927, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 4th July, at 10 a.m. No claims will be admitted unless notified and/or application for survey made in writing within seven days after landing of the goods, or in any case before the goods are taken delivery of.

Claims will not be recoverable unless complete accounts are sent in within fourteen days of final discharge of vessel.

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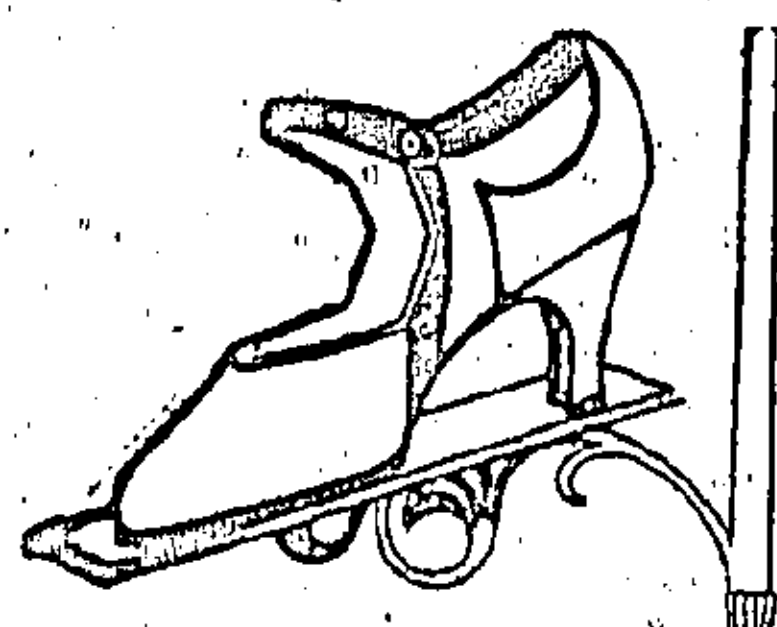
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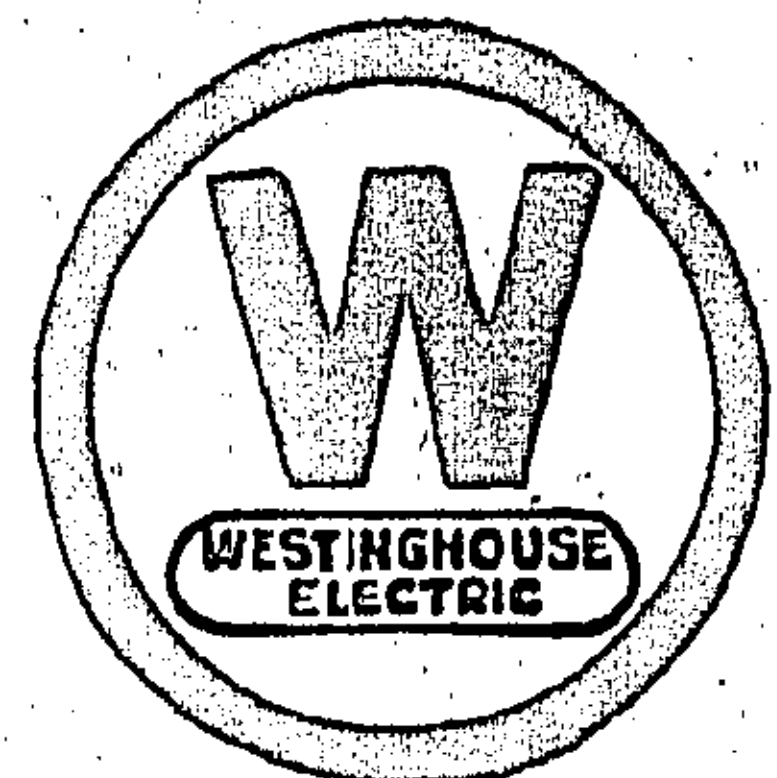
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PHILIPPINES SUGAR.

HUGE FACTORY PLANNED.

Manila, June 20.—Carlos A. Fer-
randiz, representing the Compania
de General de Tabacos de Fili-
pinas and a number of prominent
sugar planters in the Philippines,
signed a contract on Saturday with
the Fulton Iron Works of St.
Louis, Mo., through the Pacific
Commercial Company, for the pur-
chase of \$2,000,000 worth of ma-
chinery to be installed in a sugar
central on the Hacienda Lucena in
Tarlac Province. It is believed
that the central, which is to be in-
corporated within a few days un-
der the name Tarlac Sugar Cen-
tral Inc., will be the largest in
the world.

3,000 Tons Daily.

The central will have a nominal
capacity of 3,000 metric tons daily
but will be capable of grinding
4,000 metric tons. To permit
future expansion, all of the ma-
chinery ordered, together with the
accompanying buildings, have
been so planned as to enable an
increase of production to 5,000 or
6,000 metric tons daily without re-
quiring reconstruction or reducing
the efficiency of the original mill.

"The machinery for this central
could have been purchased from
other countries," Mr. Ferrandiz
said, "but as we plan to sell the
sugar in the United States, since
it will enter there free of duty,
we thought it only right to place
our order with an American firm.
We have been in touch with the
largest sugar centrals in Cuba and
Porto Rico, whose machinery was
purchased from the Fulton Iron
Works, and they highly recom-
mended that we secure our mills
and equipment from the same
place."

The Machinery.

The \$2,000,000 contract signed on
Saturday includes the purchase of
a series of platforms for unload-
ing cane cars and cane wagons.
The platforms are of 5, 15 and 30
ton capacity respectively.

The milling plant equipment
will consist of a large cane chop-
per, a rotary crusher, five 3-roller
mills, 37 x 87, with pre-crusher
rolls 42 x 87 and a grinder 38 x 87.
All of the clarification and boil-
ing equipment is of the most im-
proved type and design. It in-
cludes modern quadruple sugar
boilers, Sterling boilers with a
potential power of 7,000 H. P., a
Dorr refiner and centrifugal ma-
chines.

Turbine-generators with a total
capacity of 6,000 K. W. will supply
the electricity to run all of the
machinery, excepting the roller
mills. All of the machinery usual-
ly run by steam power, including
the milling cars, will be electrified.
Shipment of the machinery from
the United States will begin at
once. In the meantime prelimi-
nary work on the erection of the
mill will be started. It is believed
that the entire plant can be
completed and ready for grinding
by October, 1929.

BIG OIL FIRE.

FIVE AMERICAN WELLS
BURNED.

Longbeach, Cal., June 27.
Five oilwells were burned and
the equipment of many others
damaged by a fire at Alamitos
Heights oilfield. The damage is
estimated at \$200,000.—*Reuter's*
American Service.

MANILA STRIKE.

STEVEDORES DECIDE TO
RETURN TO WORK.

Manila, June 27.
The stevedore strike has been
settled and the men have returned
to work.—*Reuter.*

SHANGHAI RATES.

**PROCLAMATION REGARDING
INCREASE.**

The following translation of a
Proclamation, issued by the Shang-
hai Municipal Council, on the
question of a rates increase,
appears in the latest Municipal
Gazette:—

The General Municipal Rate has
been, hitherto, 14 per cent. on the
assessed rental of houses within
the Settlement, and 12 per cent. on
houses beyond Settlement limits.
As from July 1, the Council in-
tends to increase the rates by 2
per cent., making them 16 and 14
per cent. respectively.

Now certain persons, ever alert
to seize an opportunity for agitat-
ing the public mind, are delib-
erately spreading false state-
ments concerning the Council's
reasons for increasing the rates;
their purpose being to discredit
the Municipal Administration and
to sow discord among Chinese
and Foreign residents of Shang-
hai. Let none be deceived by
their subtle schemes.

There is no truth whatever in
the statement that Foreigners re-
ceive preferential treatment in
the matter of taxation; nor is
there any ground for the rumour
that the cost of the Foreign
Troops now in Shanghai is borne
by the Council. The basis of
taxation in the International Set-
tlement is the same for all, Chinese
and Foreigners alike. The entire
cost of the Foreign Troops is de-
frayed by the Governments under
whose orders they are acting.

It is a well-known fact that the
cost of nearly all commodities has
risen considerably during recent
years. This increase has to be
faced by the Council as well as by
business firms and private indi-
viduals. The Council has made a
very careful estimate of the
amount that will be required in 1927
to maintain the several depart-
ments of the public, and has
come to the conclusion, with great
reluctance, that a 2 per cent. in-
crease in the rates is essential.

This increase of 2 per cent. is a
comparatively small amount for
the individual payer. For ex-
ample, a Chinese living within the
Settlement and paying a house
rental of \$10 per mensem has
been required, hitherto, to con-
tribute \$1.40 in rates; from July 1
he will be charged \$1.60, an in-
crease of 20 cents a month. A
Chinese or Foreign merchant
renting a house at \$150.00 per
mensem will be called upon to pay
\$24.00 a month, instead of \$21.00,
and so on. Thus a uniform rate
is equitable to all classes. A
wealthy person occupying large
premises contributes more in
rates than a poorer man who rents
but a small house or shop. Yet
each is taxed according to the
law, secure against extortion and
duress.

During the present period of
trade depression, the general
public is naturally averse to any
increase in the rates. Foreign
residents, however, realizing the
very heavy responsibility of the
Council to provide for the proper
upkeep of the Settlement and the
protection of its citizens against
the risks of fire, lawlessness, and
disease, are shouldering their
burden of taxation without demur.
There is ample justification for
the belief that, with the excep-
tion of a noisy and irresponsible
minority, the Chinese community
is just as desirous of fulfilling its
civic obligations in a like manner.

Many false statements concern-
ing this matter are now being
circulated by the supporters of
Communism to further their own
sinister designs. All law-abiding
citizens should assist the authori-
ties in the preservation of peace
and good order by paying no heed
whatever to such rumours.

By order,

S. M. EDWARDS,
Secretary.

**IMPROVEMENTS AT
NANKING.**

OPENING UP WIDER STREETS.

Since the inauguration of the
Nationalist Government at Nan-
king, among the many important
innovations are the various steps
taken towards the reorganization
and improvement of the Muni-
cipality of Nanking city itself.

Of the several improvements
already in progress, perhaps the
most important deals with the
opening up of wider streets
throughout the whole city.
Several of these principal streets
have already been sketched,
namely, the Chun San Road, run-
ning through the heart of the
city from south to north, the
San Min Road, from the Drum
Tower to Hsia Kuan, the Wu
Chuan Road, from the Drum Tower
to Hua Pai Tower, the Chun Tsen
Road, cutting the Chun San Road
at right angles through the middle
of the city, the Kuo Min Road
from Dr. Sun's Tomb to West
Gate, the principal east to west
street, the Tslan Kuo Road and
the Kün Yuen Road.

The city itself is being divided
into two main sections, to be
known as the old and the new
section. The old section includes
the centre and the southern por-
tions of the city, the commercial
and residential quarters. An
order has been issued to the effect
that within ten days, such piles
of dirt and rickety walls which
constitute a public nuisance and
obstruct the traffic of the city
must be removed or taken down
and that within fifteen days
owners of premises which en-
croach upon public roads must
submit their title deeds for ex-
amination in order that surren-
der of such properties may be soon
effected.

The new section includes the
eastern, western, and northern
portions of the city where the
various Governmental yamens as
well as other commercial, educa-
tional, recreational, and industrial
buildings are to be situated. The
city wall is to be demolished and
seven public markets are to be
built in different parts of the
city.

All tax and revenue offices are
to be put under the Financial
Bureau which is to have complete
control of the city's finance. All
public beneficiary and philan-
thropic organizations are placed
under one supervision, and in-
stitutions for the old, the poor,
the disabled, the orphans, the deaf
and dumb, etc., will be in turn
installed.

In the way of education enter-
prise, a public library is to be
established and examinations for
public lecturers are to be held.
Fifty public elementary schools
will be also opened.

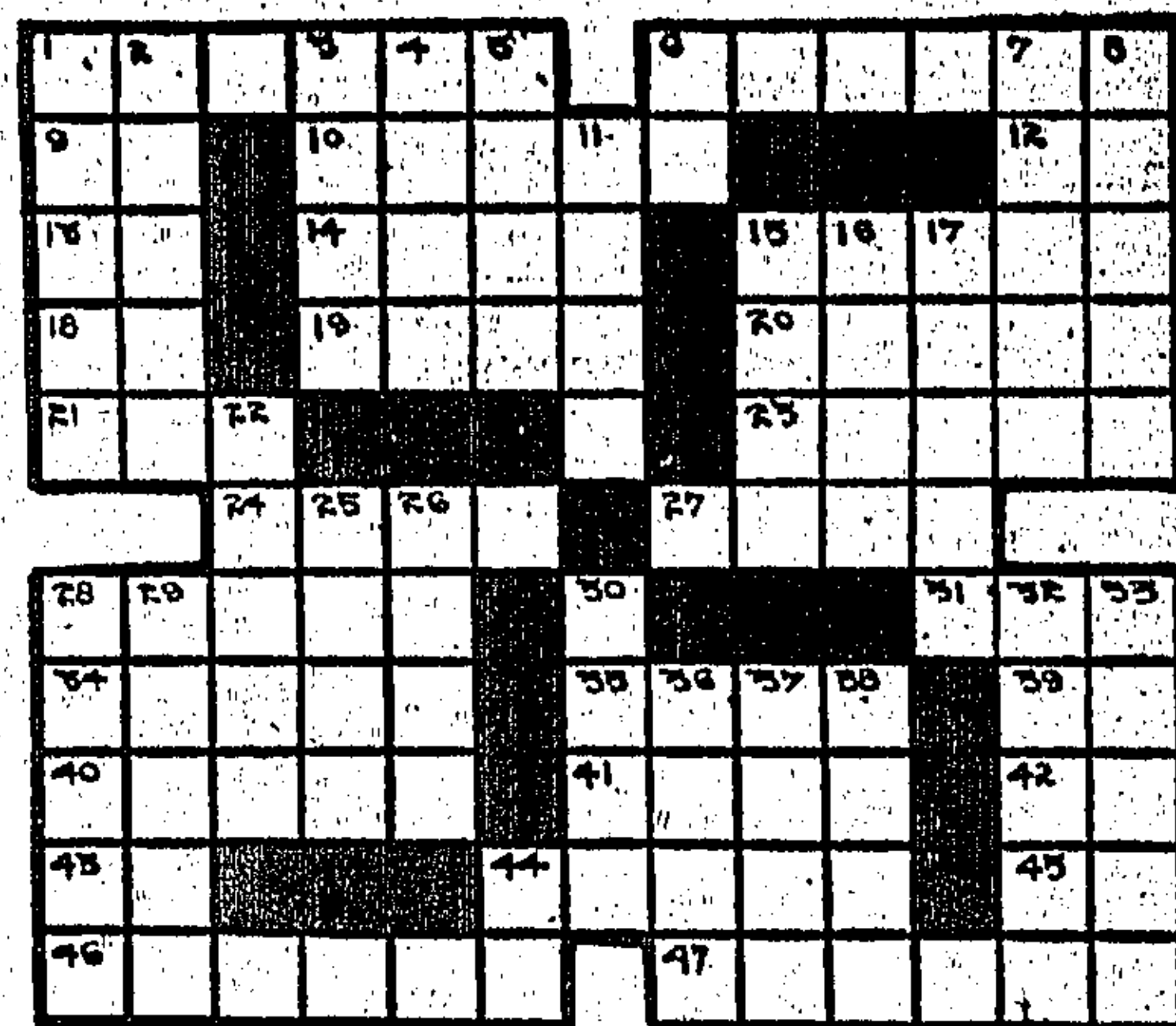
Other changes including the
Police, the Sanitary Bureau,
Municipal Electricity, etc. are all
under consideration.

One of the difficult questions
still to be solved is the overlap-
ping of the authority of the
Municipality and the Provincial
Government; because the ques-
tion of taxation in this special
municipality has not yet been
decided. A joint report of the
Municipality and the Provincial
Government will be submitted to
the Central Government for a
decision.

Mr. Cecil Frank Beadel, C.I.E.,
of Hartley Court, Reading, a part-
ner in Becker, Gray and Co., Cal-
cutta and Hongkong, merchants,
who died on April 4, aged 55, left
estate of the gross value of
\$71,206.

A meeting was held at the Cen-
tral Police Station yesterday
afternoon to discuss ways and
means of obtaining members for
the British section of the Special
Police Reserve. The proceedings
were of a private nature, and de-
cisions which were arrived at will
be announced in the near future.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

- 1 Pertaining to the mind.
- 6 Cloud-like semi-luminous mass.
- 9 Correlative of either.
- 10 Uneven or worn away.
- 12 Morindin dye.
- 13 Minor note.
- 14 For fear that.
- 15 To cut off as a final vowel.
- 18 Lila.
- 19 Tardy.
- 20 Broader.
- 21 Scarlet.
- 23 Occurrence.
- 24 Garment.
- 27 Toward sea.
- 28 Gauntlet.
- 31 To permit.
- 34 Wanders.
- 35 Exclamation of sorrow.
- 39 To prevent.
- 41 Net weight of a container.
- 42 Upon.
- 43 Point of compass.
- 44 To send money as in payment.
- 45 Dnd.
- 46 To commend.
- 47 Soft subdued shade.

Vertical.

- 1 Type of tooth.
- 2 To rub out.
- 3 To relate.
- 4 Region.
- 6 Opposite of won.

- 8 Point of compass.
- 7 Burdened.
- 8 Nimble.
- 11 To cook slowly.
- 15 Female sheep (pl.).
- 16 To reside.
- 17 Imaginary perfect pattern.
- 22 Flock.
- 25 Above.
- 26 Most beneficent.
- 28 To seize.
- 29 Sweetheart.
- 30 Destiny.
- 32 To run away and marry.
- 33 Pertaining to sound.
- 36 Light.
- 37 Melody.
- 38 Hardens.
- 44 Second note in scale.

Yesterday's Puzzle.

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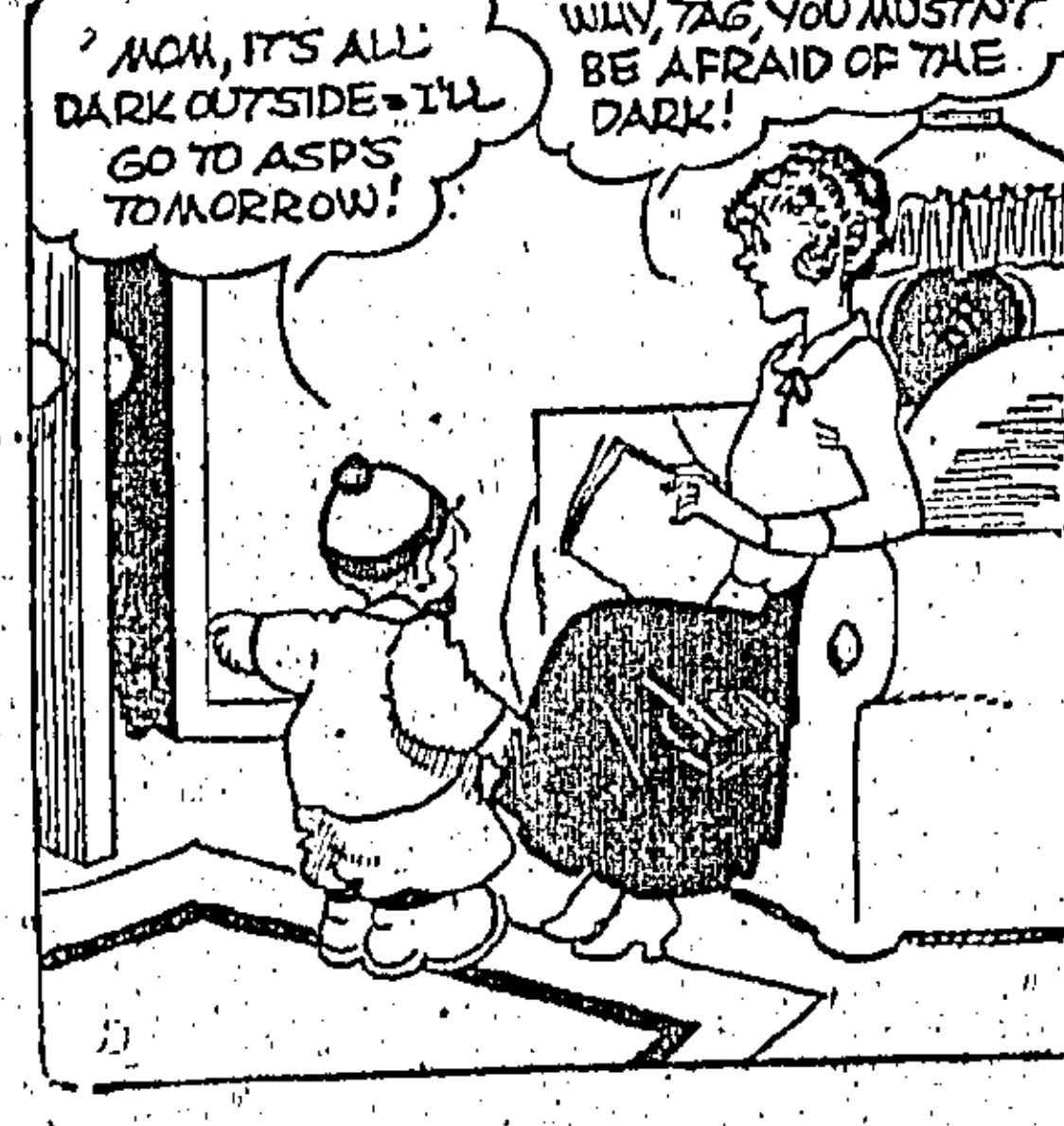
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1927.

ILLEGAL STRIKES.

Although we have deplored the introduction at Home of the Trades Union Bill, and still do so, especially in view of the highly-tensed class feeling it has engendered, we welcome the Hongkong Government's intention to introduce an Illegal Strikes Ordinance, an advance copy of which was published in the Gazette circulated on Saturday last. There is nothing inconsistent in that attitude. We have always admitted that the law of England relating to Trade Unions and trade disputes was anomalous and full of obvious inequalities and inequitable immunities. Some of the Trade Unions have themselves confessed as much. Our quarrel with the Government at Home is that it has chosen this year of 1927, the year following the great industrial upheavals of 1926, to throw at the heads of the Labour movement this challenge. Instead of letting the animosities of last year die

down in a period of quiet work, in a year in which there is no threat of grave industrial disputes, it has introduced a Bill that by its untimeliness more than by its provisions has aroused all the old suspicions and distrust which organised Labour has so long entertained against the Conservative party. That complaint cannot be made here in Hongkong, where a totally different set of circumstances exists and where the Government is official and non-party, uninfluenced by party politics.

The right to strike has long since been admitted, for the act of withholding one's labour for the purpose of gaining better conditions of labour cannot be held as other than a rightful weapon of bargaining. It is in cases where no demand is made upon employers, where a strike is "sympathetic" or political, or where it is aimed at coercing the Government, that it must be ruled as illegal. The 1922 and 1925 general strikes here are examples of acts subversive to the good government of this Colony, which ought to be made outside the law and punishable. For instance, there was a general paralysis of the whole community in 1925 without a single demand for betterment of conditions. Workmen, apparently satisfied with the terms of their employment, absented themselves in organised manner, even leaving the Colony in furtherance of a ridiculous political idea of retaliation for incidents which had happened at Shanghai and on the Shikoo bund. There was no trade dispute to be furthered—nothing but the wholesale breaking of agreements. It

is now sought to be laid down that a strike must be in furtherance of a trade dispute within the trade or industry in which the strikers are engaged, and that it must not be designed or calculated to coerce the Government either directly or by inflicting hardship upon the community. That should be welcomed by all loyal servants, many of whom have in the past been intimidated into abstention, when they would have continued employment. There is a new definition of intimidation—a somewhat wide and ambiguous one, we think—which will give to workmen who do not want to go out on strike a greater sense of protection than they had hitherto. In order to maintain essential public services it is laid down that any person engaged by firms supplying electric current or gas to the public, or engaged in maintaining a public tramway, bus service or public ferry, or engaged in maintaining any telephone or sanitary service, shall not wilfully break his contract of service if he knows or has reason to believe that the consequences would, in the absence of some extraordinary measures, be to deprive inhabitants of the Colony of such services. In other words, persons in such services cannot be left free to hold up the community, and we think there will be approval of that provision. The Bill also makes an attempt to prevent Unions with head offices and effective control outside the Colony dominating the action of workmen in the Colony, and, in view of the recent experience in which men in Canton have pulled the strings of labour in this Colony with disastrous effect to us, we view this provision as being one of the most timely in the whole Bill. If there had been any attempt on the part of the Government to deprive workmen in this Colony of the right to organise in defence of their own interests or to improve their economic status, we should have entered a most emphatic protest, but we have examined the proposed measure very carefully and fail to find anything in it which can be held to be inimical to a workman's just rights. The right to strike remains—provided the strike is in furtherance of a workman's dispute with his employer. To strike for any other purpose is clearly against the public interests, and must be made illegal.

Canton And Hongkong.

There have recently not been wanting signs of attempts at a close rapprochement between Canton and Hongkong, and these are, of course, welcomed here, where for a long time there has been a genuine desire, fostered by the newspapers, to promote peaceable commerce and general intercourse. If there have been any rebuffs, they have always come from Canton, and Hongkong has merely awaited the dawning of a better understanding of the great benefit that will accrue to Kwangtung as much as Hongkong itself, from a sweeping away of past misunderstandings—misunderstandings that have never been of our seeking. As it happens, there is now nothing to prevent any foreigner going about Canton freely. The recent round-up of "Reds" has had the effect of making the city a place fit for even Britons to walk in. One very significant instance of the new, and welcome, feeling was the recent journey by a British engine all the way from Kowloon to Canton, drawing an express train; and the sentiments expressed at the subsequent luncheon were certainly cordial. Hongkong is always quite ready to reciprocate any gestures of friendliness that come from our neighbour city, and it is to be hoped that recent moves in the direction of friendship are merely signs of further approach to normal intercourse. We have, thus, definite evidence of a desire for a proper understanding, and we have heard it suggested that the Press might do a great deal to foster better feeling. This we are the first to admit, but with a reservation; namely that such gesture must be mutual. We can safely claim for the local newspapers, that, however "much" they have had occasion at times to find fault with and be critical of Canton affairs, they have never descended to being abusive. There has never been anything in the local Press which has even approached the scurrilous attacks on this Colony and everything British which are a feature of the Canton newspapers. To take a very recent instance, there was the date of the Shikoo memorial ceremonies, a few days ago. One of the features of the day was a cartoon depicting John Bull tram-

DAY BY DAY.

HOW IMMENSE APPEAR TO US THE SINS WE HAVE NOT COMMITTED.—Madame Necker.

The local weather forecast, issued by the Royal Observatory, up to noon to-morrow, is: E. S. winds, moderate; fair to showery.

The British vessel Kaigan, arriving from Bangkok and Swatow, reports the death of one male passenger en route, cause of death not known.

Silk forwarded from Hongkong by the Empress of Canada on 1st June, reached New York on the 23rd, having taken but only 22 days in transit.

As the result of a whistle drive held at the Police Recreation Club last Friday, the sum of \$100 has been raised in the aid of the Ministering Children's League.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 19 arrivals and 17 departures, of which five and seven respectively were British, leaving 58 vessels in harbour, British 25.

Lance Sergeant Humphreys has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his right leg sustained while riding motor cycle No 168. The officer sidled whilst taking the turn at the junction of Stubbs Road and Morrison Gap Road.

The prospects are considered good for a spectacular display of meteors on the nights of June 26, 27 and 28, when the Pons-Winnecke comet in its intersection of the earth's orbit will make a comparatively close approach to our planet, says a writer in a Malayan contemporary.

A Chinese woman was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from scalp wounds, caused by pellets skimming her head in the Pak Yuen Valley, Au Tau district, New Territories. A building contractor was yesterday out shooting game, and discharged his gun into a swamp without noticing that the woman was working there.

Near the top of the Ginting Simpa Pass, says the Malay Mail, two motorists found a relatively immense land tortoise, weighing about 50 pounds and apparently of very great age, which was making its way up the hill-road, then almost flooded by unusually heavy rain. Having been given a lift to the summit, the tortoise later evinced his appreciation of fruit for tea.

The trial was resumed at the Criminal Sessions this morning of Leung Sang, who is accused of the murder of a woman at Chuk Un village, Kowloon City, on April 6. A statement alleged to have been made by the prisoner was read, in which he implicated Ku Tsui, the man formerly charged with the crime and discharged. In this statement defendant admitted being present when the crime was committed.

In H.E.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai, last week, before His Honour Judge Peter Grain, the case of Rex v. the Shanghai Times, being the return day on an application for an attachment for contempt of Court, was brought to a speedy conclusion. Mr. Tycho Wing appeared in behalf of one Gujjan Singh, referred to in the article complained of; Mr. K. E. Newman appeared for the Shanghai Times. The case was dismissed.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, June 27.
Paris	124
New York	4.85 23/32
Brussels	34.99
Bombay	25.21 1/4
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Milan	33.75
Berlin	20.49
Stockholm	18.11 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Oslo	19.76
Vienna	34.52 1/2
Prague	19.37
Helsingfors	28.53
Madrid	2.15 1/2
Lisbon	3.68
Athens	3.15
Bucharest	5.53 1/4
Rio	47.11 1/2
Buenos Aires	2.78 1/2
Bombay	2.78 1/2
Shanghai	2.78 1/2
Hongkong	2.78 1/2
Yokohama	2.78 1/2
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British Wireless.

THROUGH A PAIR OF SPECTACLES.

A GLOOMY PROSPECT.

A whit more depressing than a person taking himself, deadly seriously—with the subsequent ridicule his efforts invariably provoke—is a Government organisation labouring under a similar handicap. Wherefore it is remarkable that the Dean Inge School of Thought has not claimed me ere this, for I am deeply distressed. That blinking red light at the Post Office corner, the care with which the pedestrian is persuaded into the straight and narrow path (between white lines) should tend to keep alive a sense of wonder in the Colony, but I baulk when the amazement degenerates into amusement. Cannot we keep one thousand square yards of Des Voeux Road Central sacred from ribald shafts—as well as from pedestrians? Really, if things go on like this, I shall feel it my bounden duty to advise our worthy C.S.P. to drop a curtain on "The Experiment." Of course, the thought of Mr. Wolfe with a lighthouse on his hands, possibly with a non-stop blink, while intriguing, is not to be harboured for more than a moment, and then the problem of its future place of decoration would have to be faced. In this connexion, I seem to remember one night coming across a well-known Civil Servant somewhere in the rough about the eighth hole at Happy Valley. "Patted," I think, he was singing. Now if we had had something to steer by—

Sour Grapes.

A protest against the Russian reprisals following the Voikov assassination has been forwarded by British Labourites, under the guidance of the Trades Union Congress, reports Reuter.

(a) On reading the news, the compiler of the New Oxford Dictionary, showing few signs of agitation, calmly struck his pen through the word "impossible."

(b) Arcos House has made the President of the T.U.C., the gift of a lemon, appropriately inscribed.

(c) British Communists are considering inserting the Union Jack in the middle of the Red Flag, and

(d) Mr. Irving Berlin, seized with inspiration, is feverishly engaged in a new song bit, entitled "Lead me away, lead me astray, but you must be nice."

Benevolent Autocracy.

Explaining the powers it proposes to give itself of increasing taxation without warning, and without waiting the Legislative Council's approval, the Government indicates that should approval not be given by the Council subsequently, the extra duties will be refunded.

With ready imitation of the dentist's intimation, Just before he bends to burrow at your nerve,

There shall be adaptation to the need for confirmation, Says the Government spokesman, you'll observe.

It may be accidental, the omitted fundamental, Unofficials sit just merely to say "Aye."

Are really supplemental, what they say is incidental For their negative can't alter "Shall apply."

No public satisfaction; not so painless an extraction As the plea might lead the layman to suppose.

For any new extraction won't be altered by a fraction. Once Officialdom has struck a certain pose.

A Bit Mixed.

The Rev. Kirk Macdonald has been going off the deep end about snobbery, but it is denied that a well-known local club has written informing the rev. gentleman that if he continues to skate on thin ice, he is liable to find himself in hot water.

Troubled Conscience.

High-moral-tone is frequently associated with low standard intelligence, why is it?

This is not another of those general knowledge questions, on the contrary, my own attention was drawn to it only last night. George was responsible.

George was responsible. George is the uncrowned king of them all, though how he has escaped so long, but perhaps I am a trifle prejudiced. George is one of those persons existing, who doesn't smoke, never drinks unless he's thirsty, and then only something wet, doesn't know a royal flush from an ace-pot, thinks Manna fell from heaven, and that Adam's Apple is something which sticks in your throat. He's almost right about the latter, I backed it.

Feeling a craving for excitement, I allowed myself to be caught in the whirl of Hongkong's hectic life last night, broke my

The Very Idea!

Dennis turned up at his work one Saturday morning with a more than usually ugly face. His nose was twice its usual size, one of his eyes was blackened, and several of his front teeth were missing. "Hallo, Dennis!" hailed his foreman. "What's the matter?" "Sure it was all over that wedding! O! went to last night!" replied Dennis.

"How's that?" queried the foreman. "Well," replied Dennis, "when O! turned up there was a chap struttin' up an' down the room as if he houl place belonged to him, bowin' to this man, an' shakin' hands with the other, an' I says to him, 'An' who may you be?' an' he says, 'O'm the best man,'—and begorra he wur!"

"Which scale do you charge for King's Counsel?" asked Mr. Justice McCardie in the King's Bench Division when Mr. J. B. Matthews, K.C., was cross-examining a dental surgeon concerning the fees he charged patients. "Witness, who is the plaintiff in the action, replied, 'It is what counsel are charging me that worries me, my Lord.'"

Mr. Matthews, to witness—You charge your clients according to their rank and position in the world?—Yes. I have always understood that when a man is knighted the tradesmen put on a shilling in the pound, declared Mr. Matthews, amid laughter.

Willenden magistrate: We all have to resist the temptation to pick up things that do not belong to us.

Magistrate at Willenden to a coal man accused of gambling: I will make the fine 3s. 6d., about the price of a hundred-weight of coal.

Man at Clerkenwell County Court: I am here to tell the truth. Judge Bairstow: You are here to talk. I am here to say whether or not you are telling the truth.

Midland poacher: I did not know that a policeman was in the wood, or I would not have fired the fatal shot at the rabbit.

Creditor at Shoreditch: He must have ample means; he is never out of a public-house. Judge Cluer: Almost a certainty that he has nothing left.

Prisoner at Marylebone: I am apprenticed to a saxophone-maker. Mr. Hay Halkett (the magistrate): Oh, dear! I don't know that you ought not to be suppressed altogether.

Our aim is to make the world smaller, and the British Empire larger.—Sir Samuel Instone.

We have the very best goods in the world, but it is no use unless we tell the world.—Mr. F. C. Goodenough.

Advertising is the most potent influence in adapting and changing the habits and modes of life.—President Coolidge.

The cable repairing steamer Dellwood, which was recently sent to repair a break in the United States Government cable connecting Seattle and Fort Lawton, Washington, at a spot off Cape Flattery, reports that on hauling the broken ends to the surface a twenty-ton whale was found dead, entangled in a mass of twisted wires.

The whale had partially severed the cable in several places, and in some extraordinary manner caught the broken wires fast in its jaws.

This is the second case on record of a whale breaking a submarine cable.

No bathing bells will consider her costume complete this year unless it is ornamented with rubber flowers. These will ornament the left shoulder, the toe of each rubber slipper, and the cap.

Jewelled earrings will be put aside for rubber ones, consisting of many rings encircled in one another, gipsy fashion, and vividly coloured.

neck catching a ferry, broke a record in standing three times to the National Anthem in the course of two hours, broke into a little Scotch afterwards, and completed the course more or less broke myself, soon after midnight.

Naturally I was very bo-tired, and it was not long before I went to sleep. George had retired as usual at about nine o'clock. At three o'clock this morning I heard a voice: "Geel! It's hot, can you sleep?"

Low standard intelligence! George knows it now. I explained my meaning in a few well chosen words though I am afraid I repeated myself once or twice.

Meanwhile, to mollify the generalisation at the beginning, I might point out that I make no suggestion of cause and effect either way.—W. J. K.

BRITISH FINANCIAL POLICY.

CHANCELLOR'S STATEMENT IN COMMONS.

BANK GOVERNORS CONFERENCE.

London, June 27. The Government's currency policy was discussed during a debate in the House of Commons today.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said that the policy had been re-established of the gold standard and maintenance, as far as possible, of the stability of currency, and their international exchanges.

This policy had, carried with it a steady correction in the dispersion of prices of various commodities. Nothing was more important to the well-being of the country than correct variation in terms of money of different forms of effort. The spread of prices had been quite normal in the years immediately after the war, and gradually, as we had come into a more harmonious and settled condition of demand, the dispersion had markedly diminished in the establishment of the gold standard.

Expression of Opinion.

The Government believed that commodities had been brought into truer relation as a result of the adoption of the gold standard, with its ballasting effect on money values and exchanges. There had been a substantial diminution in the cost of living, affecting as it did the purchases of every household in the country.

Referring to the policy of a managed currency for the balance of the gold standard, which some experts favoured, he asked whether the party supported the gold standard or not.

Mr. Grahame, who was Financial Secretary to the Treasury in the Labour Government, said he was an enthusiastic supporter of the gold standard, but also supported the plea for a general inquiry which Mr. Reginald McKenna had advanced.

Mr. Winston Churchill said he did not think a sufficient case had been made out for an inquiry into the whole question of British banking arrangements.

They had the report of the Cunliffe and Bradford Committees, and it was on their recommendation that the Government policy was based. Referring to the Geneva resolution, and the gold movement, which had recently taken place on the initiative of the Bank of France, Mr. Churchill agreed that those withdrawals had prejudicially affected the money markets and rates at which the Treasury would borrow, and it might be held they had exercised a deterring effect upon reduction of the bank rate and consequently on the movement of trade.

International Meeting.

This, however, was a matter in which the bankers of France and England were principally concerned. Co-operation between the heads of these great national banks had increased.

At the present moment the Governor of the Bank of England and the Governor or Deputy of the Bank of France were travelling to the United States to see the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank, and Doctor Schacht, head of the Reichsbank, was travelling in the same ship.

We should see for the first time in this intimate manner, the highest financial authorities of Germany, France, Great Britain and the United States in amicable consultation and co-operation. It would be premature to say, and he had no warrant for saying, what results might be expected from their deliberations.—*British Wireless.*

POET'S CORNER.

A RUPERT BROOKE GEM.

Oh! Death will find me, long before I tire
Of watching you; and swing me suddenly
Into the shade and loneliness and mire
Of the last land! There, waiting patiently,
One day, I think, I'll feel a cool wind blowing,
See a slow light across the Stygian tide,
And hear the Dead about me stir, unknowing,
And tremble. And I shall know that you have died,
And watch you, a broad-browed and smiling dream,
Pass, light as ever, through the lightless host,
Quietly ponder, start, and sway, and gleam—
Most individual and bewildering ghost—
And turn, and toss your brown de-lightful head
Amusedly, among the ancient Dead.

TRAFFIC CASES.

CAR WHICH WAS A "WRECK."

At the Central Magistracy this morning, before Major C. Wilson, during the hearing of the usual weekly list of traffic offences, Mr. D. L. de Leor, of the Netherlands Trading Society, was summoned for driving his motor cycle No. 823 in a dangerous manner on June 15. The defendant admitted the offence.

Traffic Sergeant Baker said he was travelling along Queen's Road East, in an easterly direction, at 13 miles an hour, when the defendant passed at a speed of 26 m.p.h. Witness followed him as far as Stubbs Road, and all the way the defendant's speed was between 25 and 26 m.p.h. A speed of 18 m.p.h. was quite fast enough there, said Sgt. Baker, and there was no need for the defendant to have passed.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$20.

Hollywood Road Mishap.

An incident when a Chinese was knocked down and taken to the Government Civil Hospital was recalled when Mr. C. D. Wright, who has an office in the Chartered Bank Building, was summoned for driving his motor cycle No. 917 in Hollywood Road, being a road prohibited to motor traffic. He admitted the offence.

Sub-Inspector Alexander said a man was knocked down and was still in hospital, but would be discharged in three or four days. He added that he understood the defendant would compensate the man.

His Worship asked the defendant whether he was prepared to give compensation.

Defendant replied that the mishap was not caused through any negligence on his part, as he only had the machine for three or four days, and the foot-brake failed to function.

His Worship: But you shouldn't have been there.

Replying, the defendant said he knew that now, but he could only plead ignorance, as he had been in the Colony for just a few weeks.

A fine of \$10 was imposed, and His Worship said he would leave the matter of compensation to the parties concerned.

Car's Bad Condition.

Sergeant Hopkins described a private motor-car as a "wreck" when the owner, Mr. O. F. Ribeiro, of Messrs. Ribeiro and Company, was summoned for allowing his motor car to be in an unfit condition.

Sergeant Hopkins said, in reply to his Worship, that there was really nothing right with the car. A tyre was punctured, the engine was not functioning properly, and the wheels were loose. There was no upholstery worth speaking of in the back part.

The defendant said he did not know the car was in bad condition because he had just paid for it to be overhauled, and he had taken it out for a trial run. He added he did not know anything about cars.

Sub-Inspector Alexander: It could not have been taken out and tested, because I saw the car myself and it was in an awful condition.

The defendant said he would like to know whether he could bring a civil action against the man who overhauled it, and his Worship replied he could if he wanted to. Remarking that a car in such a condition was dangerous to other traffic, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10.

FRANCE'S BUDGET.

INCREASED EXPENDITURE FOR 1928.

Paris, June 27. M. Poincaré, in a statement on the Budget for 1928, said the revenue will be 42,160 millions of francs and the expenditure 41,527 millions.

The expenditure would be increased 1,286 millions of francs as compared with 1927, mainly owing to the betterment of the positions of officials and modification of the military organisation, but the Budget was balanced by a reduction of 1,974 millions in the public debt.—*Reuter.*

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

ROCK IN CAMBRIAN PASS.

The following notice to mariners has been issued by the Marine Department of the Maritime Customs at Shanghai, under date June 20:

Notice is hereby given that a rock, awash at low water, with foul ground in the vicinity, has been located to the south-east of Usha Island.

Position: From the rock, 617 Foot Hill, Usha Island, bears N. 57° W., magnetic, distant 8.3 cables. Latitude 29° 49' 33" N. Longitude 122° 22' 50" E. British Admiralty Chart No. 1429.

EMPIRE TOUR ENDS.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK ARRIVE HOME.

London, June 27. The Duke and Duchess of York arrived home aboard H.M.S. Renown after their Empire tour.

The Prince of Wales, Prince Henry and Prince George greeted them at Portsmouth, and their Majesties, the King and Queen, Cabinet Ministers, and high officials of the Services and Embassies, met them at Victoria station where huge crowds gave them a tumultuous welcome.

The enthusiasm of the gathering outside Buckingham Palace came to a climax when their Majesties, with the Duke and Duchess, appeared on the balcony, and it was observed that the Duchess was carrying her baby daughter, Princess Elizabeth.

Enthusiastic Crowds.

London, June 27. Despite rain, immense crowds thronged the London streets to welcome home the Duke and Duchess of York from their great tour.

Their Highnesses drove in semi-state in open carriages, so that the thousands who had come to greet them should not be disappointed, and throughout the mile drive from the station to Buckingham Palace there was a continuous roar of cheering.

The King and Queen met the returned travellers at the railway terminus, where there was a touching reunion. The Queen repeatedly kissed the Duchess, and when the Duchess curtsied low to kiss the Queen's hand in a more formal manner, her Majesty raised her hand and again embraced her.

The King, Queen and Princess took a shorter route to the palace, and the Duke and Duchess, who had readily agreed to making more formal progress by way of Whitehall and the Mall, had an overwhelming reception on leaving the station.

At Portsmouth.

No formal speeches were made on reaching London, but the Duke had already at Portsmouth recorded his impressions of the reception, and the Duchess had been accorded throughout their tour.

Replying to an address from the Mayor of Portsmouth, he said, "We share with you the hope that the mission which we have just completed will serve to draw still closer the bonds which unite this country with the other portions of the Empire. At every place we have visited, we have been deeply moved by the demonstrations of affectionate loyalty to the Throne with which we have been greeted. They far exceeded anything we had imagined, and throughout the tour we have been conscious of one thing, that we were among our own kith and kin."

Referring to the inauguration of Australia's new capital, Canberra, he said, "The memory of that historic ceremony will ever remain fresh in the minds of all who were present, and I am confident that it marks the opening of a new and glorious epoch in the history of Australia."

—*British Wireless.*

THE LEUNG KWONG INQUEST.

MORE EVIDENCE ABOUT GRILLES.

The inquest on the bodies of victims of the Leung Kwong disaster was continued this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindell, the Harbour Master, Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, and a special jury, at the Central Magistracy, and further evidence as to grilles was given.

Mr. T. G. Bennett is appearing for the owners, coxswain, and crew of the launch Moonshine, the vessel which came into collision with the Leung Kwong. Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton represents Captain Wilson of the Leung Kwong, and Mrs. Martin, widow of Mr. F. E. A. Martin who was drowned, and Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones is for the owners of the Leung Kwong.

This morning Mr. Leung Hin-sang, the managing partner of the Kwong Fat Shipbuilding Company, Hungnam, said his firm built the Leung Kwong and she was launched in 1922. For a time she was on the Wuchow run, but was later sold to the Chiat Wo Company, the present owners.

When built she was fitted with devices in compliance with the anti-piracy regulations at the suggestion of the Government Marine Surveyor. There was a grille between the second and third class, which could be locked. They had instructions to lock it when the ship was under weigh. When they had the ship they could not obtain a passenger licence until the grilles had been put in.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said grilles on the lower decks were not always kept locked. They were put there to prevent the third class passengers from coming into the second class, and there was always a man on guard there.

The inquest was again adjourned.

THREAT OF DEATH.

CHINESE CHARGED WITH INTIMIDATION.

The manner in which returning emigrants to China are victimised by unscrupulous countrymen, was revealed this morning before Major C. Wilson at the Central Police Court, when four Chinese appeared on charges of intimidation.

It was alleged that they threatened five Chinese with bodily harm if they failed to pay money for space occupied by their baggage on board the S.S. Tjikembang, and if they engaged anyone else but themselves (the defendants) to put their baggage ashore.

Sub-Inspector Shaitain said that when the five complainants were at the Court this morning, a Chinese threatened to kill them if they gave evidence in the case. The man was promptly arrested and charged, so that there would be five defendants.

He said that as the complainants were only passing through the Colony he would like an early date to be fixed.

His Worship remanded the defendants until Thursday at 2.15 p.m., refusing bail.

It appears that the companies provide coolies to remove passengers' baggage, but these are frightened away by certain men, who claim space for baggage on board a vessel as their own, and try and induce credulous Chinese to pay for that space under threat of injury.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS BY THE C.S.P.

The following Police Reserve orders are issued by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.S.P.:

Chinese Company.

Strength.—The following have enrolled in the Chinese Company and are posted respectively as under:

Constable R. 57 Lai Kim Ying, No. 1 Section.

Constable R. 58 Wm. K. S. Mok, No. 1 Section.

Constable R. 22 Leung Kwong Choi, No. 2 Section.

Constable R. 52 Li Yau, No. 2 Section.

Parades.—All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at the Central Police Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp on the following dates for Squad Drill under Sergt. R. J. Hunt:

Thursday, 30th June.

Tuesday, 5th July.

Dress on both days:—Muff.

Indian Company.

All members of the Indian Company will parade at Central Police Station at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, July 4th.

G. B. Hartford, D.S.P. (R.) Adjutant.

Hongkong, 28th June, 1927

TAXIS SUSPEND.

COMPANY LIKELY TO BE WOUND UP.

Following the suspension during the week-end of the Colony's only taxi-cab service, a meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Company, Ltd., has been called for Tuesday next.

The directors have decided to suggest that the Company should go into voluntary liquidation.

The Taxicab Company has been in difficulties for some time past, the shares being quoted at \$1 (nominal).

In the event of the winding-up of the Taxicab Company, Mr. H. R. Cleland, C.A., is to be appointed liquidator.

Mr. C. A. Ribeiro, residing at No. 13 Granville Road, Kowloon, has reported to the police the loss of an eight-day clock from his house, probably stolen between four and eight in the afternoon. The clock is valued at \$40.

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THE COLONY'S HEALTH.

INCREASE IN ENTERIC CASES.

The health report for last week gives a return of ten enteric fever cases, affecting six Chinese and four others (one each British, American, French, and Dutch), with eight deaths from the disease during the week.

Seven of the cases were from the city district, two from Kowloon, and one from Shaikwan. One of the Chinese cases was imported.

There was also one case (imported) of paratyphoid fever, the victim being a Norwegian.

There were two deaths from small-pox during the week, and one fresh case reported, all being Chinese. There was one Indian case of diphtheria and one Chinese case of puerperal fever.

During yesterday, two further cases of enteric fever were reported (one Chinese and one Indian), also two cases of small-pox and two of cerebro-spinal fever, all Chinese.

LIVED IN GRASS HUT.

AMAZING STORY OF EUROPEAN IN JUNGLE.

Calcutta, June 18.—The amazing life of a European in the wilds of the Berar jungles was unfolded at the hearing in Calcutta when Douglas Devrill was charged with cheating big firms in Calcutta of Rs. 20,000.

The accused, representing himself as the manager of a big agricultural estate, ordered from Calcutta jewellery and guns and failed to pay. Criminal Investigation Department officers were sent to arrest him and found he was not at the estate.

Acting on information received, foresters traced him through dense jungle in the Kukur Hills, 4,000 feet high, and found him living in a hut made of grass and stones with his wife and young child, and destitute.

Devrill prepared to defend himself, but the party surrounded the hut and captured him.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

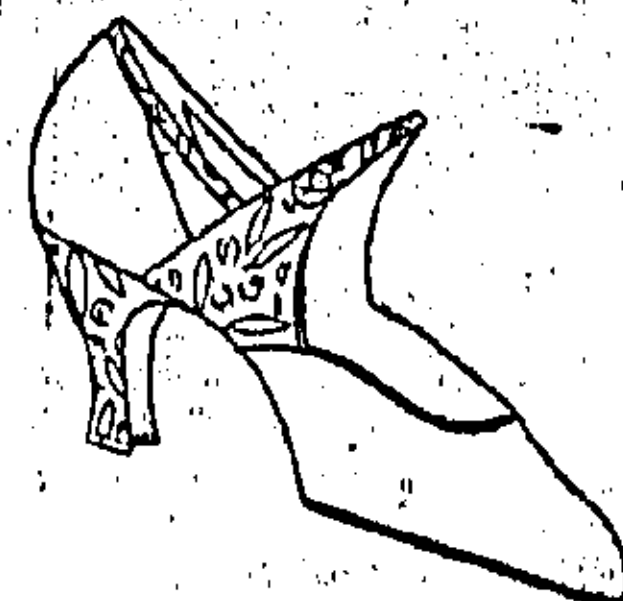
The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

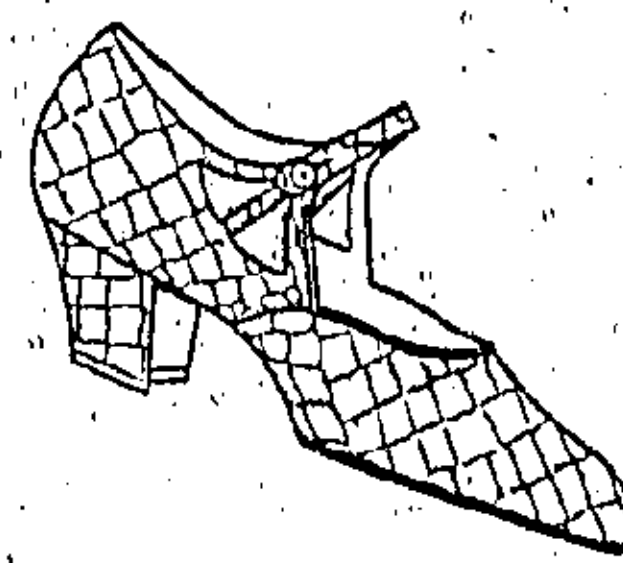
- 1.—Who were the triumvirate of the French Revolution?
- 2.—What English King and Queen had fifteen children?
- 3.—What is generally considered the finest picture in the world?
- 4.—What Archbishop had five children who wrote books?
- 5.—How many dresses had Queen Elizabeth?
- 6.—What is the meaning of the word curate?
- 7.—Who gave a great ball on June 17, 1815?
- 8.—Who was Charlotte Corday?
- 9.—Who celebrated book was published in 1827?
- 10.—Whence is cochineal chiefly imported?
- 11.—Who had for his epitaph, "He tried to do his duty?"
- 12.—How many cups of tea did Dr. Johnson drink on one well-known occasion?
- 13.—In what battle did the Charge of the Light Brigade take place?
- 14.—How many storeys high is the Woolworth Building in New York?
- 15.—Whose was the first monument placed in St. Paul's Cathedral?

Judge Cluer, at Shoreditch County Court, told a woman of 74, summoned for the jury, to get her name removed from the list, but declined to exempt a woman from service because she had young children at home.

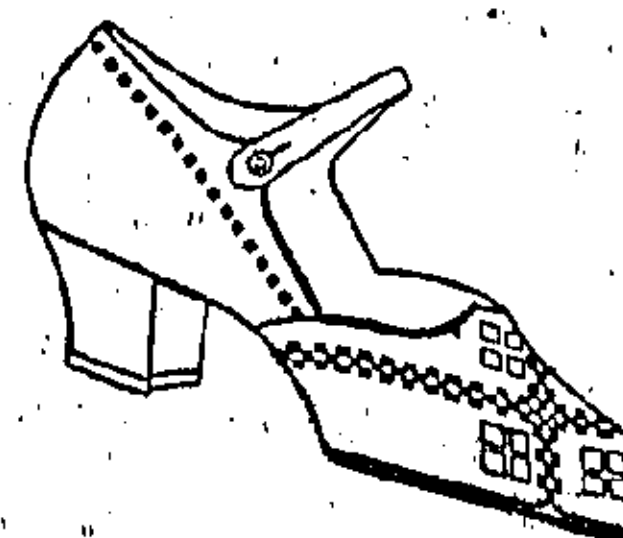
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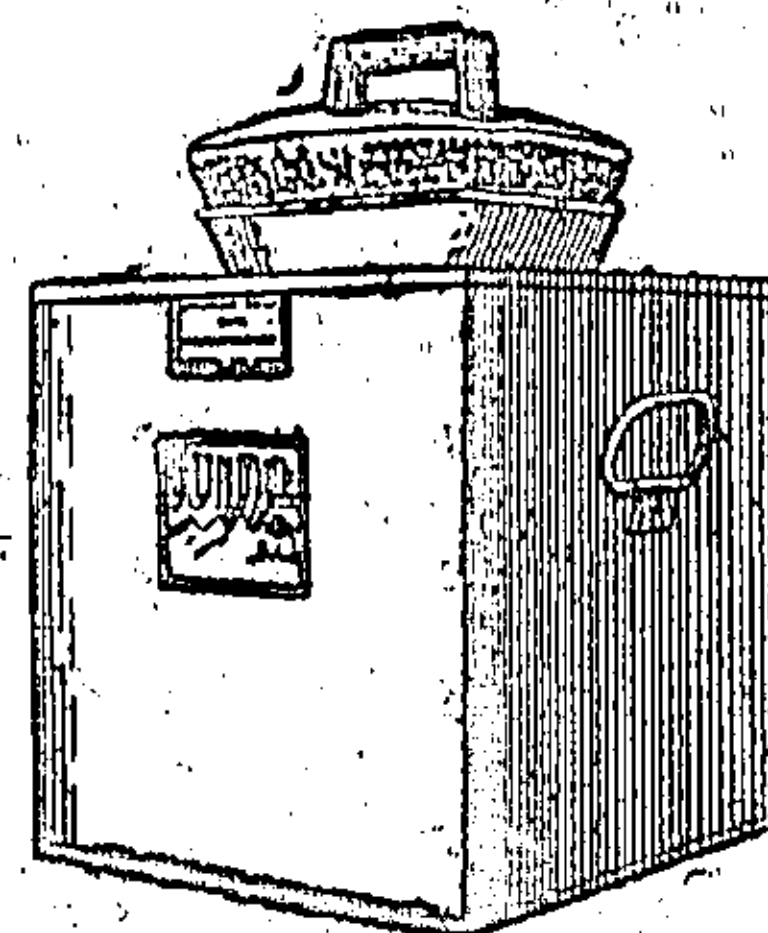


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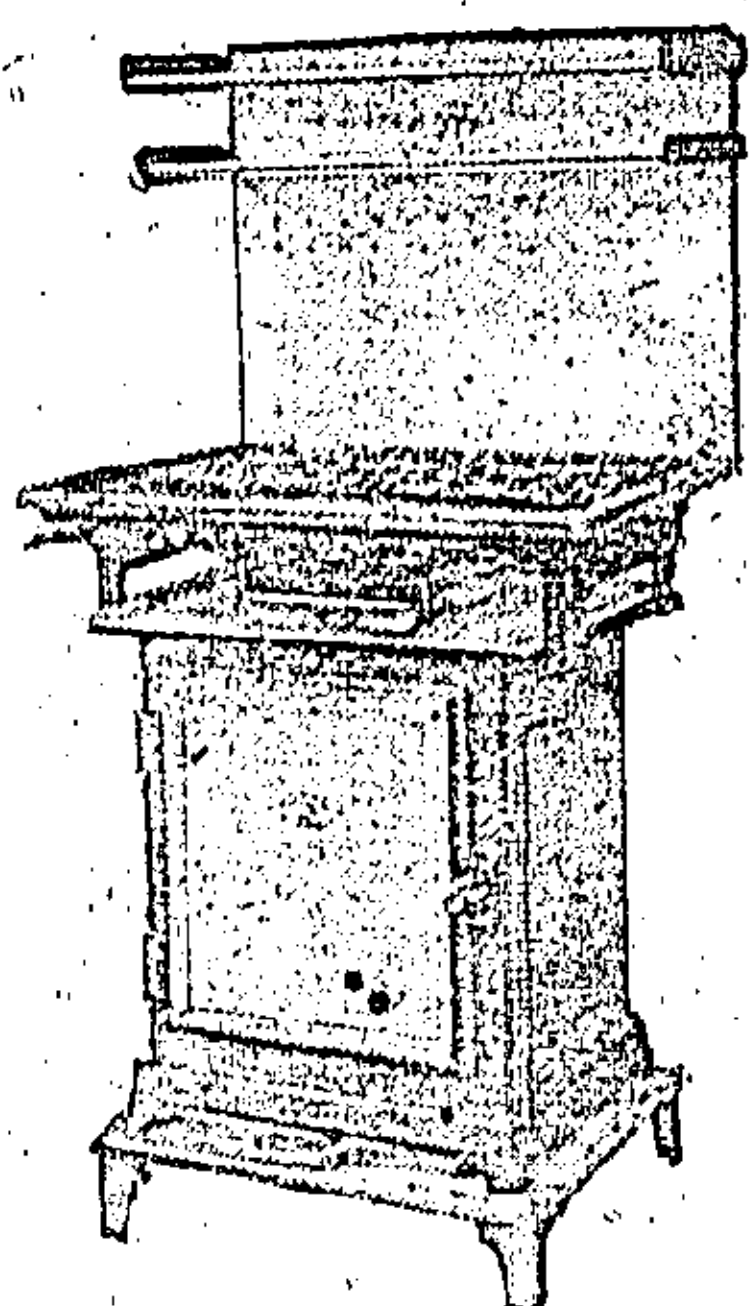
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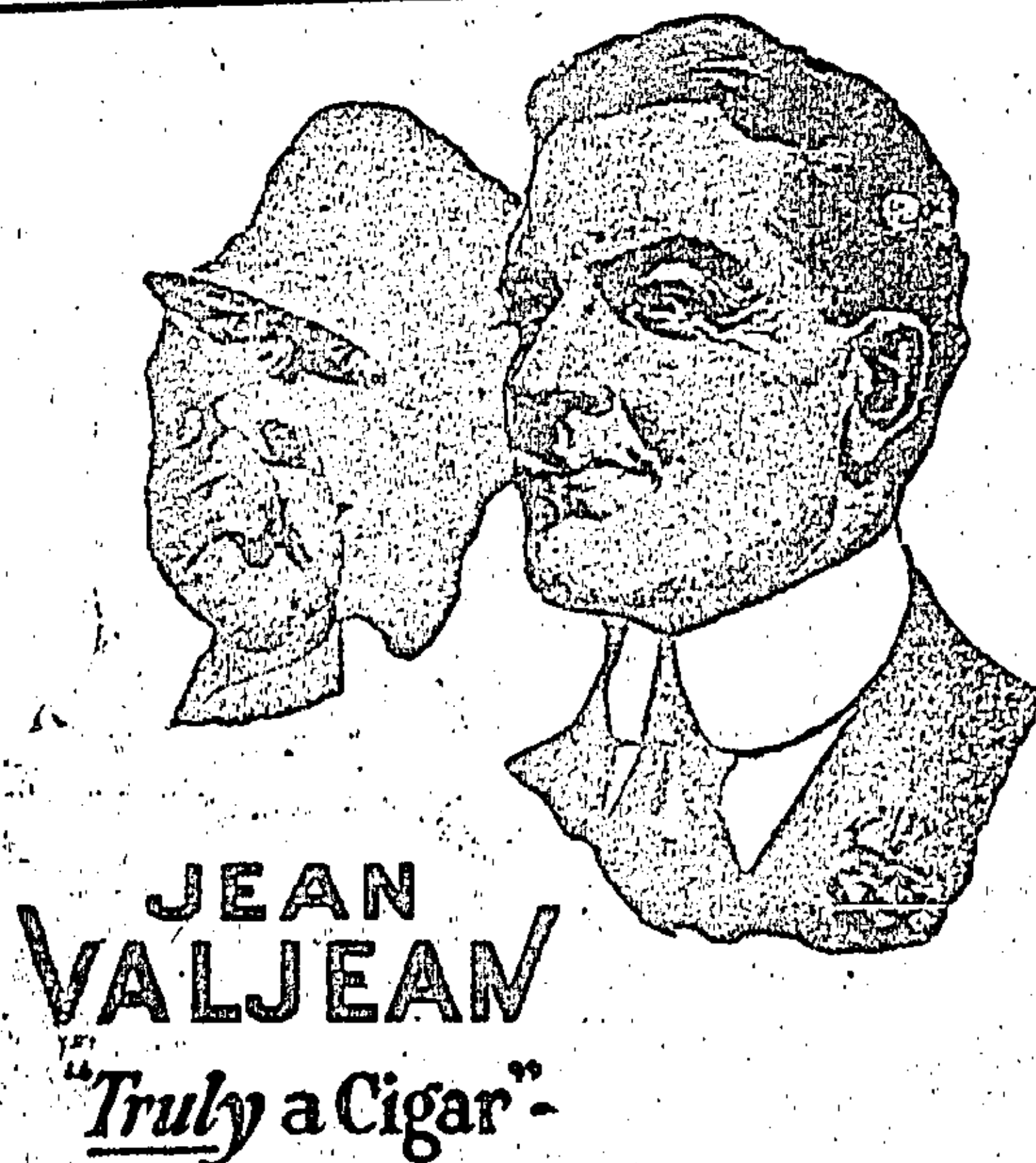
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THE RED ELEMENT IN CHANGSHA.

EXPULSION OF LEADERS
DEMANDED.

Changsha, June 22.—At the present moment, the tide in Changsha seems to have turned against the more extreme elements, and it is of some interest to note the charges that those in authority have brought against the communists. The "Save the Kuomintang Committee" has publicly put out the following proclamation in order that there shall be no uncertainty as to the sins of those who oppose the Kuomintang, stating that the latter:

1. Took upon themselves the business of the Kuomintang.
2. Broke up the Kuomintang Party.
3. Disregarded the Three Peoples Principles.
4. Despised the dictates of Dr. Sun.
5. Shattered the united front presented by the farmers, labourers, merchants, scholars and soldiers.
6. Worked against the policy with regard to foreign affairs.
7. Opposed the decisions already reached by the Kuomintang.
8. Arrested and killed innocent people, thus creating a state of terror.
9. Stirred up the rear-guard of the party and divided these soldiers and the people.
10. Deceived the farmers and the labourers.
11. Oppressed and persecuted the educated section of the people and thus caused the decline of education.

Slogans Against Dangerous Principles.

In order to strengthen the hands of all true members of the Kuomintang, the public are provided with a list of 14 slogans which they may hurl at any who are still suspected of harbouring dangerous principles. The document ends with the somewhat pathetic assertion, that, from this, all may truly see that the Save-the-Kuomintang Committee has faithfully, in its heart, decided to expel all Communists.

Recent news from Changsha indicates that the movement has been sufficiently successful to restore a certain amount of peace in the city. This is also partly due to the fact that all schools, except a few primary ones, have closed for the summer holidays, since most of the students have drifted away to their homes or are doing propaganda work in the country. Much in the future will depend upon the condition of the new harvest and the earliest grain is expected to reach the city in two or three weeks.

LIFE SENTENCES.

END OF D'AUTREMONT
TRIALS.

Jacksonville, Ore., June 21.—Hugh D'Autremont, youthful bandit who, with his two brothers, held up a mail train in Oregon in 1923, in which four men were killed, was found guilty here today of murder. The jury recommended that his sentence be life imprisonment.

A few hours before the jury arrived at their finding, Hugh's two brothers Ray and Roy, captured recently in Ohio, were arraigned on charges of murder. They pleaded not guilty.

Hugh was captured in the Philippines early this year. Search for the three brothers had led Department of Justice agents all over the United States, Canada, the Far East and elsewhere.

Twin Brothers Sentenced.

Medford, Ore., June 23.—Ray and Roy D'Autremont, twin brothers accused of the robbery of a mail train and murder of four men in 1923, pleaded guilty here today and were sentenced to life imprisonment. Their sentence follows that of their brother Hugh, convicted of the same offence and given a similar term a few days ago.

Hugh who is held here, also confessed last night.

According to their confession, they fired seventeen shots during the hold-up of the mail train near Siskiyou, Ore. The twins asserted that the engineer, Bates, was killed by Hugh, as were the fireman, Seng, and the brakeman, Johnson.

The fourth casualty, a mail clerk named Daugherty, was killed by the explosion of dynamite which the brothers had placed at the door of the mail car.

The three brothers will be taken to Salem penitentiary to-night.

Hugh was arrested in the Philippines Islands early this year. Several months later, the other two were arrested in Ohio. One of the twins is married and has a child a year old.

SHANGHAI'S BARRICADES.

INTENSIVE ANTI-FOREIGN
PUBLICITY.

We take the following very interesting correspondence from the latest Shanghai Municipal Gazette, Senior Consulate, Shanghai, June 13.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that I am in receipt of a communication from the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in which he quotes a Petition forwarded to him by certain residents in North Chokiang and Elgin Roads regarding the wire-barricades erected by the Council in that district.

This Petition states that owing to the hindrance caused to business by these barricades a number of shops have been compelled to remove to other places, but the Petitioners themselves, owing to the fact that they are in a very small way of business, are unable to move. They are, however, suffering considerable hardships owing to loss of business and request the Commissioner to use his good offices to obtain the removal of the obstructions complained of.

I should be glad if you would inform me whether, in the view of the Authorities, there is any likelihood of these wire barricades being removed in the near future and whether those on the Boundary Road, which are also mentioned, are in the same position.

N. AALL,
Consul-General for Norway,
and Senior Consul.

S. Fessenden, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

The Reply.

Council Chamber,
Shanghai, June 16.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 13 in reference to a communication received by you from the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs concerning the barbed wire barricades in the Boundary, North Chokiang and Elgin Roads.

In reply I have to state that in order to facilitate the business of the residents of that district as far as possible certain alterations in the wire barricades are already being undertaken.

In this connection I should like to point out that it is the Council's earnest desire, no less than it is that of the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, to secure the resumption of normal conditions at the earliest possible date; but that all efforts to bring this about are frustrated by the intensive campaign of anti-foreign publicity which is being conducted in Chinese territory outside the limits of the Settlement, apparently under the auspices of the local Nationalist authorities.

I need hardly say that in face of action of this nature, which is deliberately calculated to arouse the worst passions of the ignorant masses, the Council finds it impossible to consider the adoption of measures which, had circumstances been different, might properly have been put into effect before this time.

S. Fessenden,
Chairman.

COMMUNISM BROKEN IN KIANGSI.

SOME EXCITING DOINGS.

Yushan, Ki., June 15.

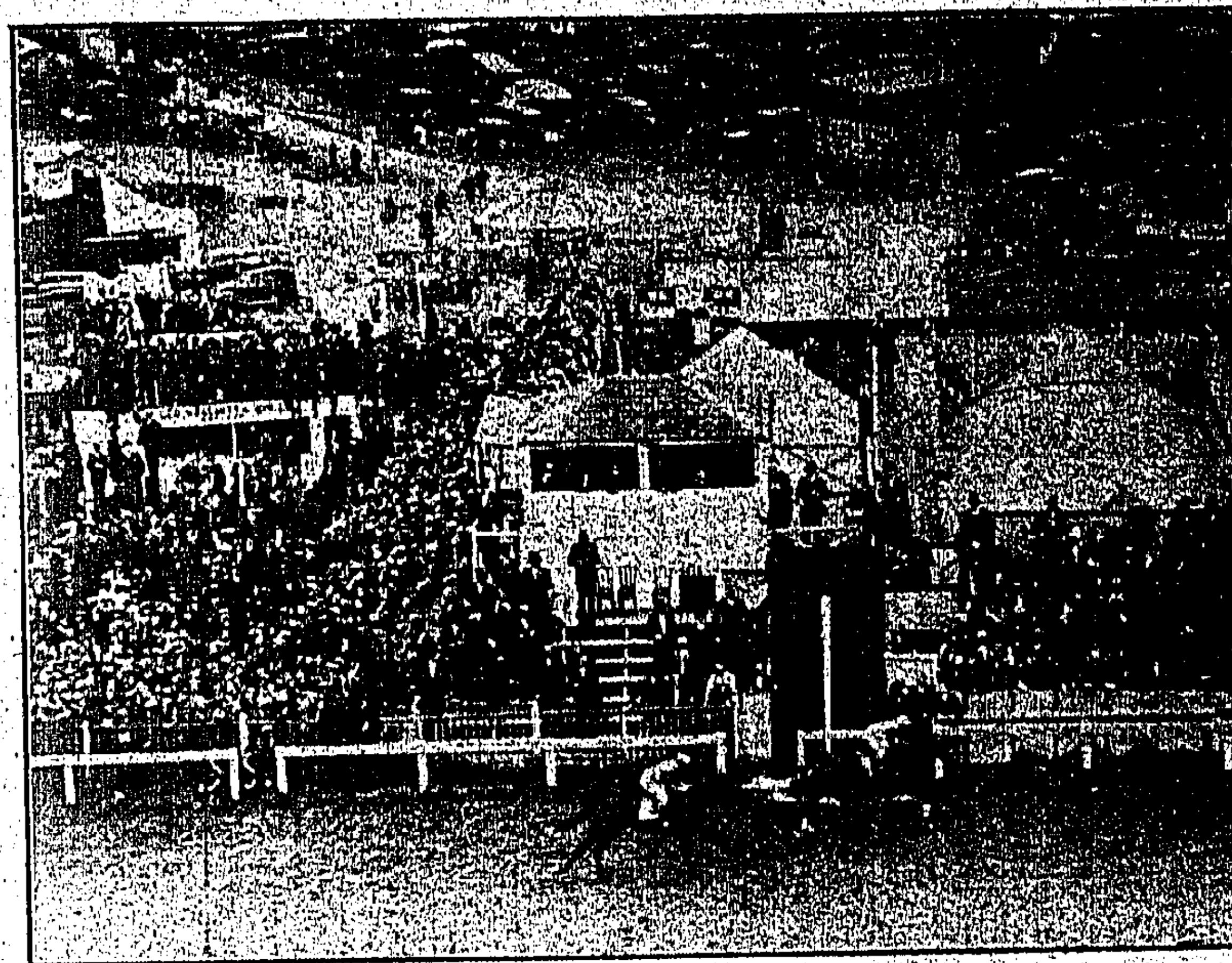
We have had an unusually peaceful fortnight, though there was some excitement in the city, when they city magistrate had to be changed. The members of the Political Bureau enticed him out for a meeting, and then kept him in custody for a day and night. He was supposed to give an amount of \$1,000 before he would be allowed to leave, but the old trick of paying a small bribe soon purchased freedom.

The Mandarin's office is a very uncertain one these days. No one stays very long in one place. If he can manage to hold his office for a month or two, he does well, some only remain a few days. I heard of one city, where they have three city magistrates in one month!

Bandits abound in all districts in northeast Kiangsi. But the soldiers have caught a good many, and a number have been shot. In Hanyang they united with some runaway soldiers, and descended in the city, starting to loot. Soldiers from Hukow were soon brought down, and a regular battle took place, which lasted for three hours. The bandits were completely routed, and a number of them shot.

It appears that the power of Communism in Kiangsi is practically broken. Gen. Wong, the Communist leader and agitator, who dismissed a number of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's troops, has fled from Nanchang. There are rumours that Li Loh-chun may return to Kiangsi and take up office again. Many in these parts are working for that.

THE FINISH OF THE DERBY.



The above general view of the Derby, run at Epsom, shows Call Boy winning by two lengths from Hot Night. The third-place horse, Shlan Mor, was eight lengths behind.

LISTENING-IN DEATH.

FAULTY LAMP AND
EARPHONES.

To a tiny leak in a pair of wireless earphones the cause has been traced of what is believed to be the first listening-in death on record, that of Mrs. Rainford, aged 41, a widow, of Redstock, Eton-avenue, Sudbury, Middlesex.

Expert examination of the bedroom in which Mrs. Rainford was electrocuted while listening to a broadcast programme showed that while one is using a slightly faulty wireless outfit a hardly discernible leak from the house-lighting system can cause instant death. It was found that a brass electric reading lamp on which Mrs. Rainford had placed her hand had an interior fault—a fault from which members of the family had received minor shocks in the past—and that in the earphones she was using was a leak, not necessarily due

to faulty manufacture, but probably caused by a slight fraying of a flex.

These finds make the tragedy easy of solution. She handled the faulty lamp at a moment when her head was in contact with the leak of the earphones, with the result that a path to earth was provided for the lighting current (240 volts) through her arm, chest, and head, through the leaking point of the earphones, and then, passing through the wireless set, to earth.

Discovery Described.

Miss Rainford, who lived with her mother, told a Daily Mail reporter:

My mother often read or listened to the wireless when in bed, using a crystal set we have had for years. Last night she went to bed at seven, taking a book with her.

At 9.30 when I entered my bedroom, I found that headphones from the wireless set lying on my bed were crackling and issuing sparks. I rushed in to my mother's bedroom. My mother,

who was wearing a pair of steel spectacles, was stretched on the bed. Her headphones were behaving in the same way as those in my room. I knocked them off her head and the crackling ceased.

Miss Rainford found burns on her mother's hand and forehead and across the eyes. Unable to rouse her she sent for a doctor but it was found that death had been instant.

Mrs. Rainford was an electrologist in business in Albemarle-street, W. She had practised in several parts of London.

A leading expert of Messrs. Duncan Watson & Co., electrical engineers, told a Daily Mail reporter:

If you did not come into contact with a fault of some higher-powered appliance no wireless set, valve or crystal, could hurt anybody. Such an accident, needing two separate faults, has a big degree of unlikelihood about it, and, especially with this accident as a lesson, should never occur again.

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TRAFFIC DILEMMA FROM
KOWLOON TONG.

In a case in which the driver of
a tractor belonging to the Hong-
kong Excavation, Pile Driving and
Construction Co., was charged be-
fore Mr. W. Schofield at the Kow-
loon Magistracy yesterday after-
noon with driving his vehicle
along Montague Ede Road in a
manner dangerous to the public, a
letter was produced from Mr. C.
Shank, the manager of the Com-
pany, pointing out that the road in
question was private property and
that residents were warned that
permission in writing had to be
obtained before making use of the
thoroughfare.

When informed of the receipt of
the letter, Mr. W. Treskin, who
appeared as complainant, said that
the Montague Ede Road was the
main thoroughfare of Kowloon
Tong. There was no notice in-
forming residents that the road
was private nor had he personally
received any notification of this.

His Worship said that he would
hear the evidence and then ad-
journ for the Police to consider
their position.

Sub-Inspector Phillips, who is in
charge of the district, intimated
that he frequently passed Mon-
tague Ede Road but had never
seen any notice to the effect that
the road was private.

Mr. Treskin in the witness box
said that he was driving his car in
the direction of Prince Edward
Road from his house No. 39, Kow-
loon Tong. On nearing the end
of the settlement witness saw a
tractor travelling in the same
direction some distance in front.

When about to pass the tractor
vehicle Mr. Treskin sounded his
horn but without any warning the
tractor turned to the right causing
witness to suddenly apply his
brakes and swerve to the left to
avoid a collision.

The case was adjourned for fur-
ther enquiries.

ARCTIC EXPLORER.

TO SPEND FIFTEEN MONTHS
IN LABRADOR.

New York, June 27.
Twelve scientists accompanied
Mr. Donald MacMillan, the famous
Arctic explorer, when he sailed
from Wiscasset, Maine, on June
25 on his eleventh expedition
northwards, to spend fifteen
months in the interior of Labrador
and Greenland, specially to study
the ruins on the coast of Labrador,
which according to Eskimo legend,
was built by a curious race which
reached the shores in open boats
without decks and sails.
The expedition will also ex-
haustively investigate the meteoro-
logical conditions, which are
likely to greatly assist Transat-
lantic aviation.—*Reuter's Ameri-
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TAXI DRIVER FINED.

LICENSE SUSPENDED FOR
SIX MONTHS.

The recent motor accident in
Chatham Road, when the five-year-
old daughter of Sub-Inspector and
Mrs. Phillips was knocked
down and injured by a taxicab,
was again mentioned before Mr.
W. Schofield at the Kowloon Ma-
gistracy yesterday afternoon, when
the driver was convicted on
charges of dangerous driving and
driving a vehicle without two in-
dependent and efficient brakes.

The defendant, describing the
accident, said that he was about
to pass one of the large buses
which had drawn up on the east
side of the road, when a young girl
ran out from behind the station-
ary bus. Witness had almost
overtaken the bus and was un-
able to stop in time.

The girl was picked up and
taken to hospital for medical
treatment.

His Lordship registered a con-
viction on each count. On the
first charge a fine of \$100 was im-
posed and defendant's license or-
dered to be suspended for six
months. On the second count de-
fendant was fined a further \$25.

Taxi Company Summoned.

The summons against the Hong-
kong and Kowloon Taxicab Co.,
charging the licensee with failing
to maintain the vehicle in proper
condition, was adjourned for one
week for reserve on Mr. A. H.
Rowe, the manager.

When the summons was first
called it was stated that the
licensee was absent and the case
was put over for an hour, when
an employee, appeared in court
and stated that he had not receiv-
ed any summons. It transpired
that the writ was inadvertently
served on the driver of the taxi.

On being asked to plead, the
clerk of the Taxi Company said
that although he was in charge of
the Kowloon Depot he was not the
licensee. The Licensee was made
out in the name of Mr. Rowe.

The case was adjourned for one
week for the summons to be
served on Mr. Rowe.

THE MISSIONARIES.

FIGURES OF EVACUATION
OF CHINA.

Figures showing the complete-
ness of the evacuation of foreign
missionaries from their stations
in the interior have recently been
made known. These figures show
that there has been an almost
complete departure from towns in
the interior of all nationals who
enjoy extraterritorial privileges,
owing, in most cases, to anti-
foreign propaganda making their
position in their stations unsafe.
Approximate figures show that
out of 8,000 foreign missionaries

FAN CAUSES DEATH.

CHINESE ELECTROCUTED IN
KITCHEN.

Sitting as Coroner, Major C.
Willson yesterday conducted an
enquiry into the death of a Chin-
ese who was electrocuted on June
11 when he came in contact with
an electric fan.

The Coroner informed the jury
that the enquiry was of consider-
able importance to the community
and it was their duty to clear up
what exactly was the cause of
death. It was also necessary, if
possible, to state what steps
should be taken to avoid accidents
of this kind in future.

It transpires that the deceased
and another fooki in a shop at 424,
Des Voeux Road Central went in-
together to the kitchen for a bath.
The deceased wanted to bath first,
so the other fooki stepped out of
the kitchen. The bath tub was on
the kitchen floor and deceased fell
it through an iron tube, one
end of which was attached to the
tap and the other end over the bath
tub. Deceased was holding this
with one hand and with the other
he was seen to touch the fan,
immediately afterwards he shout-
ed that he was "killed by elec-
tricity."

The fooki rushed for assistance
but when he returned a few
seconds later the unfortunate man
was lying on the floor. The main
switch was turned off and the de-
ceased was picked up, quite dead,
with a big black mark across his
chest.

Dr. Cannon gave evidence to
show that the primary cause of
death was electrocution, and the
secondary cause was shock.

Mr. A. E. Clarke, Senior Inspec-
tor of Works, Electrical Depart-
ment, P.W.D., stated that he ex-
amined the wiring in 242, Des
Voeux Road Central, and found
everything in order. He was
given fan to examine a few days
later and found that the installa-
tion inside the fan was defective
in that the winding was in con-
tact with the frame, causing the
whole fan to be "live." Witness
said that the deceased, if his
hands were wet, might have form-
ed a circuit from fan to earth
through his body. The fan was
an old type.

The jury returned a verdict of
accidental death.

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Tjimanoeck	N. China	4th July	6th July	Batavia
Tjikarang	Batavia	10th July	14th July	Shanghai
Tjikembang	S'hai, K'lung	12th July	14th July	Batavia
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MATCH AGAINST ALL MALAYA TEAM.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, June 27.
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 Malaysia in the 2nd innings knocked up 136, Taylor making 49 not out. Macartney got 4 wickets for 16 runs. Everett 2 for 23 and Gamble 2 for 9. The Australians sail to-morrow by s.s. Marcella.

Unfinished Game.

Penang, June 19.
 The match was continued yesterday in fine weather before a large crowd including the Resident Councilor. The wicket continued good and played on the fast side. The visitors carried their overnight total to 299. Bardley scoring 93. Apart from Bardley, Macartney and Oldfield the Australians played a moderate batting display.
 North Malaya gave out time in their second innings.

Australians—1st Innings.	
Rofe c Griffin b Reutens	7
Andrews c Orr b Mackay	1
Oldfield lbw b La Brooy	93
Bardley c and b Reutens	44
Sullivan b Mackay	1
Thompson (sub) lbw b Reutens	0
Everett not out	23
Gamble b Knight	13
Macartney b Donaldson	44
Mayne b Donaldson	24
Woodfull b Reutens	13
Extras	13
Total	299

LAWN TENNIS.

SOUTH CHINA BEAT NETHERLANDS CLUB.

In the "C" division of the Hongkong Tennis League, South China Athletic Association met the Netherlands Tennis Club and won by a margin of 17 games. The scores were as follows:
 C. N. Tsang and W. T. Leung (S.C.A.A.) beat de Bruyn and Ramondz 6-5, lost to Heintzen and Marks 6-5, beat Knottnerus and Laflour 6-2=20-13.
 W. T. Li and L. K. Li (S.C.A.A.) beat de Bruyn and Ramondz 6-5, beat Heintzen and Marks 6-5, lost to Knottnerus and Laflour 6-5=17-16.
 C. T. Tse and S. K. Ng (S.C.A.A.) lost to de Bruyn and Ramondz 4-7, beat Heintzen and Marks 6-2, beat Knottnerus and Laflour 8-3=21-12. Totals: S.C.A.A., 58; N.T.C., 41.

Bowling.

Reutens four for 88; Mackay two for 36; Donaldson two for 38; La Brooy one for 51; Knight one for 73.	
North Malaya—2nd Innings.	
Bird lbw b Gamble	13
Donaldson c Andrews b Gamble	23
Anderson not out	11
Gordon c Woodfull b Gamble	10
Knight b Gamble	10
La Brooy not out	11
Orr c Bardley b Andrews	11
Extras	9
Total 5 wickets	71
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CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

RECENT CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Captain E. Monkman, of the Scotch, is on Home leave. Captain J. D. Fraser, of the Taming, has gone master, Sochow, Captain C. Mathor, of the Whangpu, has gone master, Taming.

Mr. G. Atkinson, acting second engineer, Tashan, has gone sup'y engineer, Tungchow.

Mr. N. D. Bain, third engineer, Kalkan, is on reserve. Mr. F. C. Dart, sup'y engineer, Tungchow, has gone third engineer, Kalkan.

Mr. A. Keown, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Yinchow.

Mr. L. A. MacFarlane, sup'y engineer, Kwangtung, has gone sup'y engineer, Anking.

Mr. A. Cumming, chief engineer, C. N. Co., is deceased.

Mr. J. W. Sanderson, third engineer, Yinchow, has gone sup'y engineer, Tungchow.

Mr. E. J. Jordan, from Naval service, has gone chief officer, Luenho.

Mr. R. C. Barcus, sup'y engineer, Luenho, has gone third engineer, Waishing. Mr. A. Dunn, third engineer, Waishing, has gone acting second engineer, same ship.

Mr. J. Hal-kett, second engineer, Waishing, is on reserve.

Mr. G. T. Staffalchuk has been appointed sup'y engineer, Luenho.

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NAVAL CONFERENCE
HITCHES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

No agreement was reached, and no headway made toward an agreement.

After the consultation, Ambassador Gibson, speaking on behalf of the American delegation, said: "Some difficulty lies in the fact that our three navies all have different missions and different problems. We must find a common denominator for solutions acceptable to everybody."

Ambassador Gibson and Lord Cecil confirmed their exchange of views largely to explaining the defence proposals of the two countries.

The executive committee of the conference will meet again tomorrow.—A. P.

LATEST ADVANCE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the Governor of Tsingtao this morning. Another boat, the Shengli, is due at any time but as this is understood to be a Chinese vessel the problem of handling it will be somewhat different.

No further word has been heard from the Hanchow district, but the emphatic denials of the officers mentioned make it all the more certain that something serious has occurred. These officers report a situation so quiet and peaceful that their retreating therefrom and the commencing of boats, the inability of vessels to land passengers or cargo, the disordered flight of soldiers northwards as reported by foreign observers, become altogether unexplainable.

Foreign Opinion.

The withdrawal of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang from Kiangsu seems to be the one established fact. Whatever place history may give him in the annals of these tuchun wars, the foreigners who have lived under his regime in Kiangsu have pronounced him by far the best Tachun that has yet appeared. They are not extravagant in praise of him, but declare that he has not been personally greedy of gain, that he was progressive, careful to protect all foreign interests, and stimulated Chinese trade instead of killing it with burdensome taxes.

A Chinese Chamber of Commerce president recently said: "All business men in Kiangsu hope for Sun's complete success." The Marshal has fallen from the high estate that was his a year ago, but he has neither fled to Japan nor put himself under the protection of a foreign concession. Whether he will fade now into insignificance or again play an important part in the affairs of China remains to be seen. Meanwhile his many friends wish him well.—N. C. D. News Correspondent.

NOW AT GENEVA.



Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord, Britain's chief delegate at the naval conference at Geneva, and head of the technical committee which is discussing a number of difficult points.

A Chinese woman living in an unnumbered house in Lo Wan Village, Chin Mun district, New Territories, reports that several robbers broke into her house and stole money, jewellery and clothing to the value of \$153.

PICKING COCONUTS.

NOT AN OFFENCE WITHIN LIMITS.

"I don't think that climbing a tree and robbing it of its fruit can possibly be cutting and damaging a tree," said Mr. Lindsell to the Police officer who was prosecuting two Chinese charged with plucking coconuts from a tree in Whitfield, near the market.

The Magistrate further explained that according to local ordinance a man could not be prosecuted unless the value of the fruit stolen from a tree exceeded twenty-five cents. He asked the police officer to assess the value of three dried coconuts, which were produced in court, but the officer could not say whether they were worth more than twenty-five cents.

Two Chinese constables who made the arrest contradicted each other in their evidence. They each pointed out a different man as being the one who ascended the tree.

The Magistrate discharged both culprits, and recommended that both Chinese constables be put on report as it was obvious that one of them was lying.

OIL-BURNER'S VISIT.

ARRIVAL OF THE TENERIFFA.

Although not a new vessel, the Norwegian s.s. Teneriffa entered Hongkong for the first time yesterday morning, on route for Japanese ports from Europe.

The Teneriffa was built to the order of Den Norske Afrika og Australien, by Burmeister and Wain, at Copenhagen in 1922. She is oil-engined, with 12-cylinder propelling machinery of the B. and M. type, generating a horse power of 717.

Her dimensions are, length 425.5, beam 55.5 and depth 35.8; with a moulded depth of 38.6; gross tonnage 6,656 and net tonnage 3,496, drawing on entry 27 feet forward and 27.6 aft, with approximately 1,100 tons of cargo.

The Teneriffa is commanded by Captain E. Anderson and carries a crew of 35 Norwegians.

Leaving Oslo on April 20, and Dunkirk on May 21, she made Singapore, and left that port after discharge of cargo on June 22, a very creditable trip. Messrs. Thorsen are the local agents.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING.

MR. H. C. BURGESS AND MISS HARTRAFT.

The announcement is made of the forthcoming marriage of Mr. H. C. Burgess, of Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, Ltd., Hongkong, and Miss Marion A. Hartrant, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Mr. Burgess, who is a well-known cricketer and an enthusiastic member of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, met his future bride last year while she was on a pleasure voyage to the Orient.

Miss Hartrant is the daughter of the late Mr. Samuel C. Hartrant and granddaughter of the late General John F. Hartrant, U.S.A., who was Governor of Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of Chevy Chase School, Washington. Mr. Burgess is the son of Mr. C. P. Burgess, of Kent, England.

The marriage will take place in the United States in September next, and Mr. Burgess plans to leave by the s.s. "Empress of Russia" on August 24th. He will later return to Tientsin with his bride, where he has recently been appointed manager of Messrs. Cooke's branch in that city.

A host of friends will join in wishing him every happiness in the future.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:

1. Robert-pierre Danton, Marat. 2. George III, and Queen Charlotte. 3. Raphael's Madonna di San Sisto. 4. Archbishop Benson. 5. 700. 6. One who has the cure (Latin, cura) of souls. 7. The Duchess of Richmond. 8. The woman who murdered Marat in his bath. 9. Keble's "Christian Year." 10. From Mexico. 11. Sir Henry Lawrence. 12. Twenty-three. 13. Balchew. 14. Fifty-six. 15. Howard the philanthropist.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 20th June to 6th July 1927

High Water. Low Water.

Day	Time	Height	Time	Height
Wed.	20	8.00	7.00	2.1
Thurs.	20	8.17	7.00	2.3
Friday	1	8.35	7.00	2.3
Satur.	2	8.50	7.00	2.3
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Tues.	5	9.34	7.00	2.3

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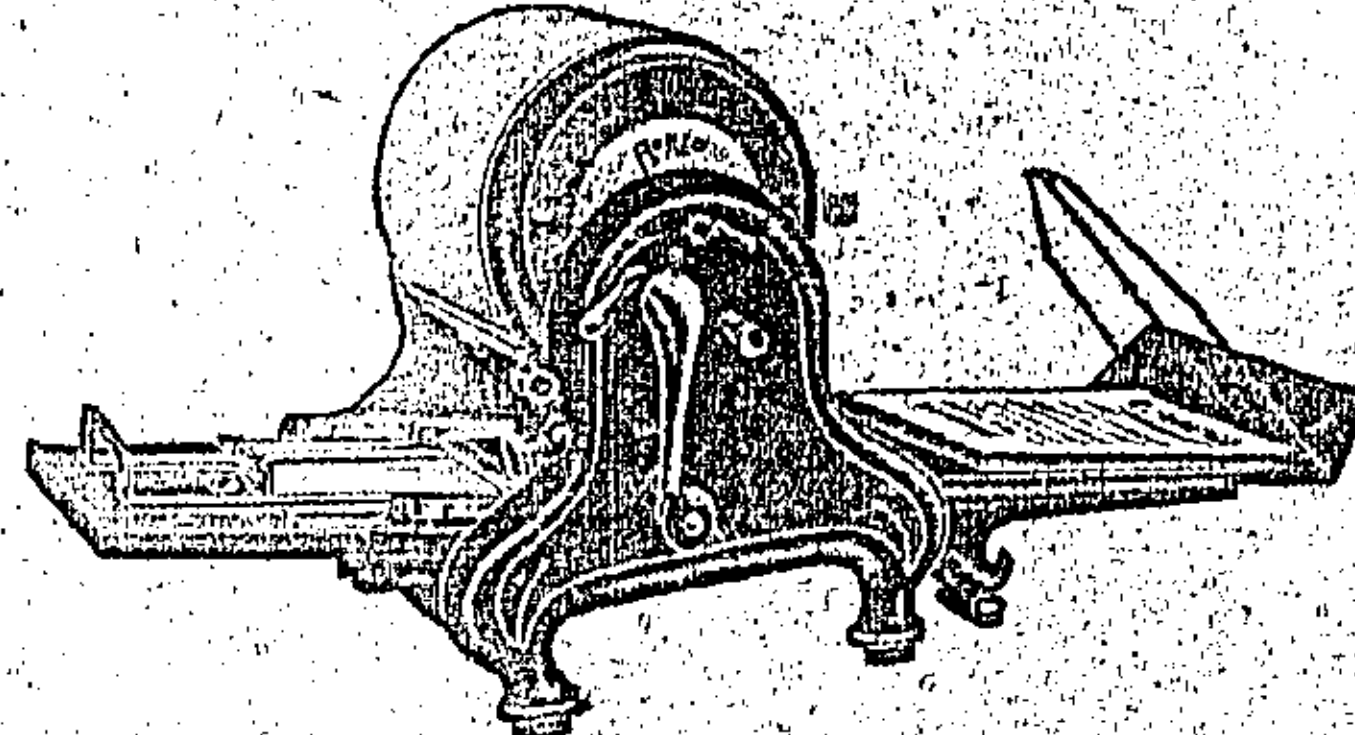
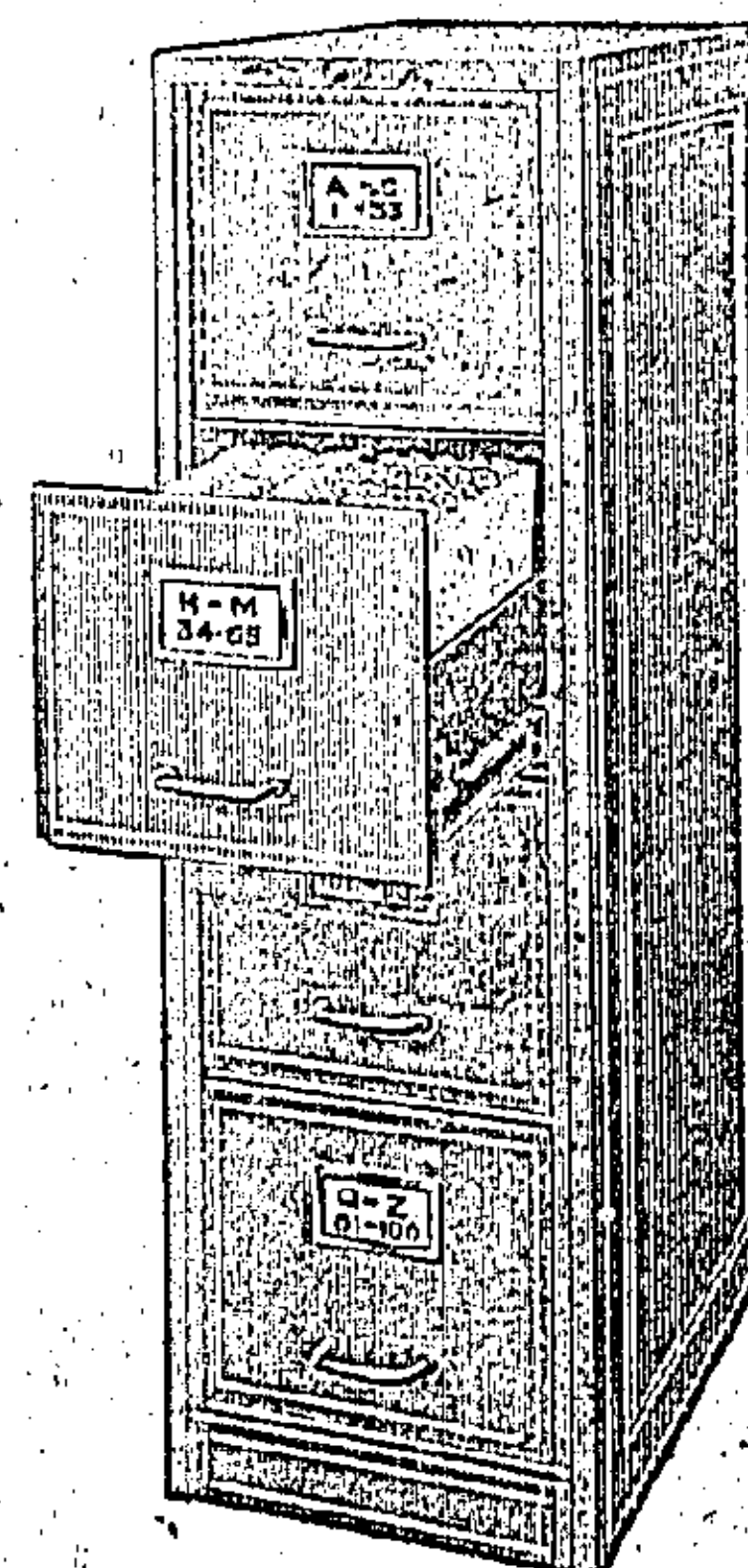


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A CYCLIST'S CLAIM.

KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR
BUS.

An accident on the road leading to Kowloon City had a sequel in the Summary Court this morning, when Chue Yan sued the China Motor Bus Company for \$30 in respect of personal injuries and damage caused to his bicycle, through being knocked down by one of the defendant's motor buses.

Plaintiff appeared in person, and the China Motor Bus Co. was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

Plaintiff said that on May 26 he was cycling from Kowloon City towards Hung Hom. When passing the Leather Factory, an approaching bus swerved across the road and collided with his machine. He was thrown to the ground and rendered unconscious. The road was

under repair at the spot and instead of going over the filled-in trench the motor bus swerved to the side of it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Russ, plaintiff said the road was 80 feet wide and about half of it was affected by the repairs which had been made. He denied that he was riding quickly and swerving from side to side. He was forced to swerve to the right when he saw the bus coming towards him as the vehicle left him no room to pass on his proper side.

Gunner W. Brown, of the 15th Light Battery, was called as a witness by plaintiff, and said the cyclist might have passed on his right side. If witness had been in his position he would have gone through and ridden on to the pavement if necessary.

The case is proceeding.

On account of military operations and other disturbances in different parts of the country, the Postal Administration has decided to close the postal savings departments attached to 42 post offices, including that at Hwallai, Chihli province. This decision will be carried out as soon as duly approved by the Ministry of Communications.

A fire occurred at the Imperial Headquarters of the Boy Scouts' Association in Buckingham Palace Road, London, last month. Scouts employed on the premises fought the flames with chemical extinguishers until the Fire Brigade arrived, and then assisted the police to keep back the crowd. At one time the Council Chamber and the gifts on loan from the Prince of Wales were in danger, but the Brigade put out the fire in less than an hour.